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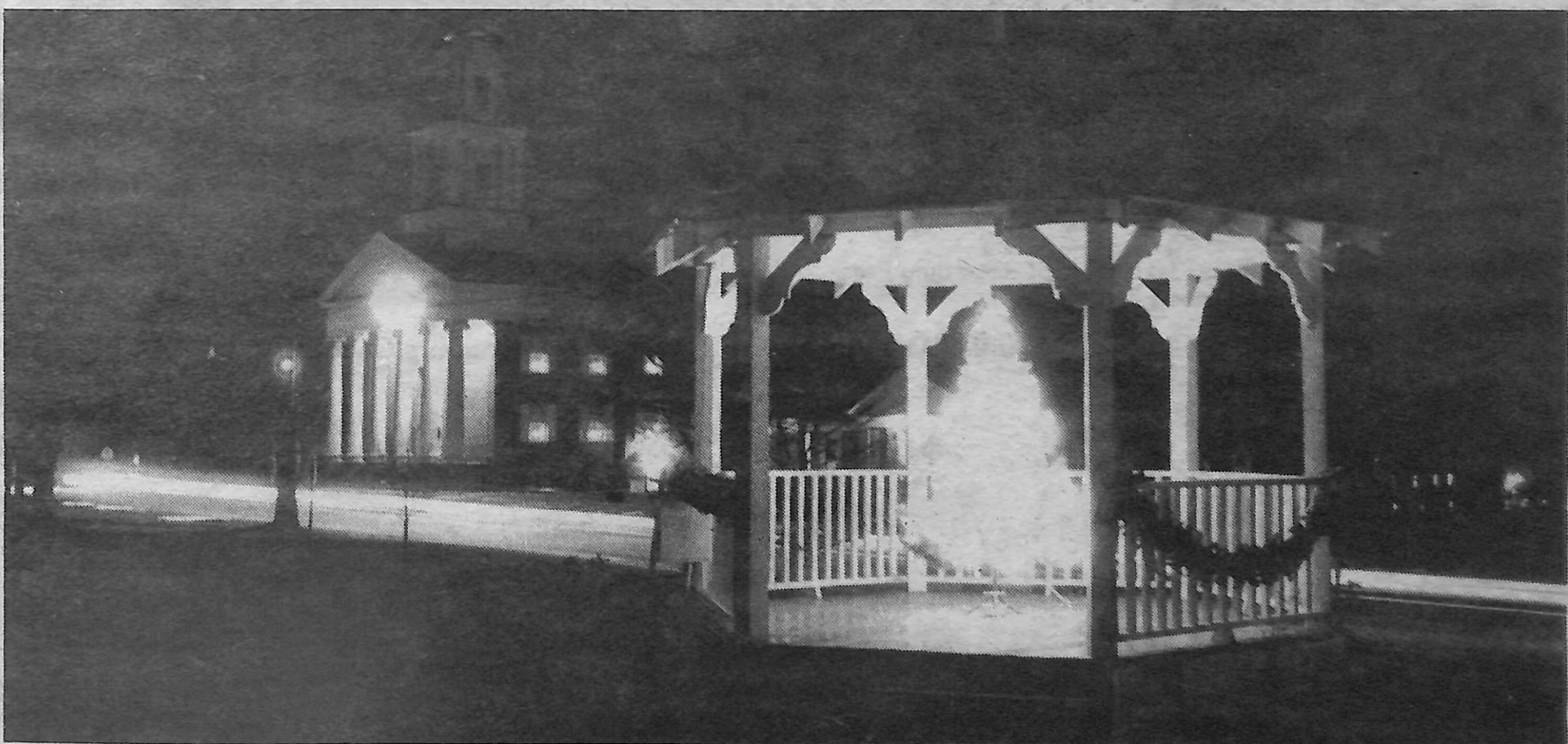
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### *"The Spirit Of Christmas....."*



*from Ric, Betsy, & Kaitlin Sardella*



# Teahan Defends School Tag Policy

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Political Editor

Negotiations between the Agawam Education Association (AEA) and the School Committee are continuing with no headway in sight. The committee has called for a fact-finder to hear the arguments by both sides, who will then make recommendations to solve the dispute. The recommendations are non-binding.

According to School Department Attorney John Teahan, a main bone of contention between the two sides, which spilled over into the contract negotiations, was the controversial "check-in/check-out system" that the School Department instituted when the teachers returned for school in September.

Under this system, all teachers must turn "tags" in their respective school buildings when entering and leaving.

While the AEA has complied with check-in/check-out, they have asked the state labor relations board for a ruling that will nix the system.

According to Teahan, check-in/check-out was designed to protect the safety of the school children, as well as for liability. "The liability situation in schools has changed dramatically over the past years. There is more accountability being placed on administrators and teachers. And the School Department is responsible for its students from the time they leave home."

Teahan added, "The system is essential to protect the School Department, teachers, and administrators from liability suits. Part of this protection plan entails knowing what teachers are in the buildings, both in the morning and during the day."

Teahan said the liability issue prior to the institution had been explained to AEA leaders during the summer months. Teahan said the union agreed to a "tag system" before school began in September. Teachers complied with the system, said Teahan, for the first 10

weeks without formally issuing a protest.

"The only request the School Department received about check-in/check-out was to make sure the system was uniform. The consequences of not using the system (liability) was spelled out to them during the summer."

According to Teahan, the School Department authored a system that was uniform for all teachers in the system. "It was not until an AEA meeting last month when the union was voting on a proposed contract (defeated) that the union membership decided to vote against check-in/check-out, Teahan told us. "As far as the School Department was concerned, the system had already been negotiated."

Teahan said the School Committee maintains that check-in/check-out is a non-negotiable issue with the union. "Employers have the right to know if employees report to work and when they leave. Management has a right to establish certain working conditions."

According to Teahan, the School Department never intended for check-in/check-out to be punitive. "The whole motive is for protection. Teachers can be suspended for contract violations. Check-in/check-out was not established for that purpose as some teachers are maintaining."

"While the School Committee and School Department realizes that teachers do not want to have their time monitored by a check-in/check-out system, it is something the committee believes is a right and responsibility of management. It's also a responsibility we owe the taxpayers, the parents, and the students of Agawam."

"Are you aware of any workplace that does not demand a form or procedure for monitoring time on the job?" Teahan concluded.

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The AAN will not publish next week so our staff can enjoy a holiday vacation. The office will be closed from December 23rd at 4:00 p.m., to Monday, January 5th. Our answering service will be taking messages, and all messages will be returned as soon as possible. If your call can wait until January 5th, the office will open at 6:00 a.m.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



## Chamber To Select "Woman Of Year"

Nominations for the "Woman of the Year Award" are now being accepted at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Forms are available by contacting the Chamber office. Deadline for submission is January 31st.

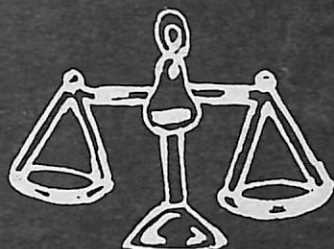
Now in its 33rd year, the award is presented annually by the Chamber's Women's Division to a woman in Greater Springfield who has given outstanding leadership or service to the community. She may be selected for services rendered over a lifetime or for more recent achievements.

Nominees do not have to be Chamber members, and nominations may be made by anyone from the community, according to Women's Division committee chairwoman, Sr. Mary T. Shea.

Quality in selection has placed the "Woman of the Year" award in the highest regard by citizens of the area since its inception in 1954, and has made it one of the top citations to be earned locally.

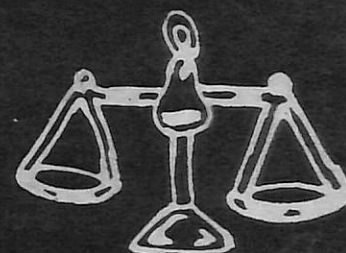
Past recipients have included: Judith Plotkin (1986); Sr. Mary Peter (1985); June M. Haskins (1984); Betsy Sheehan Taylor (1983); and Virginia D. Govoni (1982).

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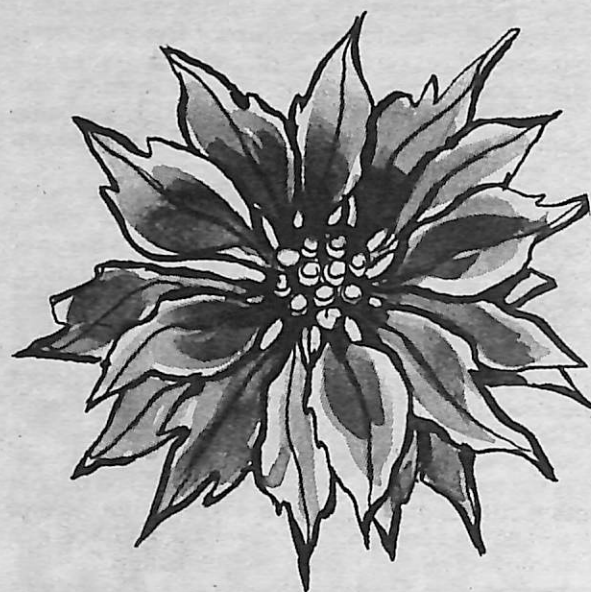
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# Shaughnessy Seeks Presidency Of Council; "No Direction"

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Political Editor

Precinct 3 Councilor John P. Shaughnessy has announced his candidacy for Town Council President for the coming year.

He commented, "I have mulled it over for the past month, and certain people who allegedly had it all wrapped up at the beginning of the year are not going to run, so I decided to actively pursue it."

Shaughnessy said, "For the past year, the council hasn't moved in any direction whatsoever. We need the leadership of a strong president. We have to make sure subcommittees are meeting in order to get ahead with town business. That hasn't happened this year."

Shaughnessy feels he has demonstrated his ability as an effective councilor over his past five years serving in public office. He said, "I actively take part in all the discussions. This is just part of the learning process." He added, "The most difficult part of being president, for me, will be to leave the floor and keep quiet."

Shaughnessy believes he has a good grasp of what the president should do. He said he is familiar with Massachusetts General Laws and the Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedure, as well as the Town Charter. He said, "I know what the power of the council president really is, and I won't abuse it."

With an 11 At-Large Council body coming up in the town's 1988 election, Shaughnessy feels it is important for the council to run smoothly during the two-month transition period, next November and December.

Among the many issues Shaughnessy wants to address is the town budget. He commented, "The budget process is critical at this juncture. In the future, federal funds will be less and state funds will be cut back. It is time we started relying on our own resources."

Addressing the Council's Rules and Regulations Committee and important Ordinance Committee, Shaughnessy contends, "Those committees should be comprised of a group of people, not a committee of one or two people. Maybe both groups should be merged into one group with a different title. This could be very beneficial with the Council decreasing in size."

Recodification of the town is another area that badly needs to be addressed, according to the councilor. He said, "Recodification has been virtually null and void, but it must be completed. It's a disgrace. The council was close to finishing it a year ago. Now it is time to pick-up the ball and run with it. We can't rely on town administrators; councilors should be doing their part. We aren't all lawmakers, but we can all do a certain amount of groundwork to get it in line."

Lastly, Shaughnessy said he plans to be a "working council president," adding, "I don't expect to chair 100 committees, but I will attend as many as possible. I would like to retain my chairmanship of the Street Acceptance Committee."

In addition to serving in his third year as a Town Councilor, Shaughnessy is presently a member of the Hampden County Charter Commission, and chairman of the Street Acceptance Committee. He has chaired various budget subcommittees, and served on the first Hampden County Dog Control Study, as well as various other committees.



**KERRY HOULE (center), BRIGHTSIDE'S 1986 Christmas Angel, recently joined legislators, mall officials, and Brightside at a kick-off celebration for the Second Annual Brightside Christmas Angel Campaign at the Holyoke Mall. From left - Maurice Mold, Mall general manager; Rep. Mike Walsh, Agawam; Rep. Steven Pierce, Westfield; Mary Huber, Mall marketing director; Gary Malouin, president of Brightside; and Judith T. Tremble, chairwoman, Brightside board of trustees.**

## Walsh, Legislators Support Brightside's Angel Campaign

State and local legislators, including Agawam State Rep. Michael P. Walsh, recently gathered to kick off Brightside's Second Annual Christmas Angel Campaign at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside.

The Angel Campaign benefits The Brightside for Families and Children, a non-profit, multi-service agency that serves pregnant and parenting teens, abused

and neglected children and adolescents, as well as families in crisis.

Christmas Angel tree ornaments are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside until December 24th. The Brightside booth is located on the upper level of the mall, just outside J.C. Penney.



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# Dahdah Applauds New Post Office

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Political Editor

Agawam Postmaster Joseph Dahdah and Springfield Postal official Pasquale Calabrese today said in a released statement that the newly-planned Agawam Post Office, to be situated on a 5.7 acre plot on Suffield Street, is badly needed and long overdue for the community.

Nineteen years ago, according to Dahdah (when he became postmaster, Feeding Hills had one rural route and two regular routes, while the Agawam Post Office had five regular routes and three rural routes.

Since that time, said Dahdah, the volume of mail has escalated to over six pieces per day, per household. "The town is growing at a fast rate and the mail volume has escalated with the town's growth," Dahdah said.

According to Dahdah, the decision to build the new post office is due to the fact that neither the Agawam or Feeding Hills Post Offices have further room for expansion. The present facilities were not meant to handle the additional employees hired over the years, said Dahdah, nor the volume of mail that comes through each day.

"The decision to find land and build a new post office was the only possible answer to respond to this town's growing needs. For continued good service over the long run, this was the only answer."

The Postal Service's Real Estate Service Center began looking for a parcel of land earlier this year to buy and build its own facility. The Agawam and Feeding Hills Post Office currently rent their respective buildings.

## Legal Advertisements For Land

According to Calabrese, both Town Manager Reid S.

Charles and members of the council received notification when the Post Office began advertising for land. "Legal advertisements were placed both in the *Springfield Newspapers* and *The AAN*," said Dahdah. "There were at least four newspaper articles explaining the Post Office's intentions to build a new branch in Agawam that would combine both Agawam and Feeding Hills. No one is trying to hide anything. It was all done by following the proper procedures."

Calabrese noted that the Post Office received three responses to their advertisements for land purchase - a 2½-acre plot on Shoemaker Lane; a parcel on St. Jacques Street (behind the Southgate Shopping Plaza off Suffield Street); and the selected site next to Mansion Woods Condominiums.

"After careful consideration of all three sites, including on-site inspections, the decision was obvious - the Suffield Street site next to Mansion Woods was the best for the entire town. It is equidistant between both of our present post offices in town (1½ miles from each)."

Dahdah said the Post Office does not expect traffic problems on Suffield Street once the 22,000 square-foot facility (triple the combined existing space between the two current branches) is completed. The building will have a 200-foot setback from the road. The nearest neighbor is 180-feet away (facing the road). The rest of the parcel is bordered by woods. The side nearest Mansion Woods will be separated by a new service road already under construction.

"We will have a big parking lot to handle the cars. That will alleviate any back-up on Suffield Street. Right now, that's a problem with both the Main Street and

Feeding Hills Center branches," said Dahdah.

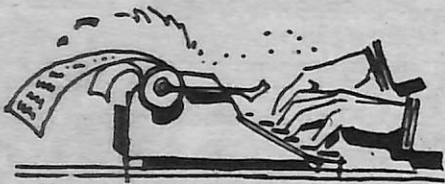
Dahdah also noted that the post office will be built on part of a parcel that was originally chosen as the site for a new Town Hall for Agawam (that plan never got off the ground).

The Postal Service bought one house on the parcel, while a second is being moved.

Dahdah also noted that the new post office will make mail delivery in Agawam faster and more efficient. He said that 2,500 post offices boxes will be available, compared to the 1,300 now available. There are no more boxes for rent in Agawam and only a few remain in Feeding Hills.

"We will be making this facility a state-of-the-art in postal equipment. There will be 24-hour service with outside vending and Post Office lock boxes. The entire operation of mail delivery in Agawam will be more efficient and easier for customers," said Dahdah.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### Moreno Responds To Critic

#### To The Editor:

The General Laws are absolute and unrelenting in the issue discussed here by we/I. Even the best of motives cannot excuse contravention of conflict and a competitive bidding process.

The We or I does not in any way respond to the issues I intoned in my last statement. Dan (Daniel Lacienski, former councilor), you are making sounds like you are a candidate in the next election.

The first three paragraphs of your "letter to the editor" were totally devoted to your intention to belittle me/us.

Your fourth paragraph singles out Ray Charest as

being a great and good samaritan. I/we agree, with your comments on Ray, with reservation.

Your fifth paragraph infers I am getting even - by innuendo, "getting even" does not absolve the issue I/we presented.

So far your contradictions are personal and not germane to my/our charges. Your "Hot winds of Santa Anna," must have been reeking with cigar smoke. Ok, Dan?

Your conclusion was full of accolades for the committee (Police Station Committee). But I/we direct you to the following: The Attorney General and the District Attorney, have been apprised of the circumstances regarding the Police Station issue in Agawam.

The manager, the council, and the town attorney were duly notified and put on notice. Since they all have decided to ignore my/our concerns on "conflict," wanton illegal "expenditures," without authority, and complete disregard of the bid process. I/we intend to follow through with legal action to deter same.

Please note, "Dan," the General Laws of the Commonwealth are absolute and unrelenting in the above categories. Even the best of motives cannot excuse contravention of competitive bidding statutes.

Merry Christmas,  
Valentine R. Moreno  
Florida Drive - Agawam

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## Robinson Park Brownies Hold Investiture

Robinson Park Brownie Troop 543 recently held their investiture. New girls were welcomed into the troop's and second year brownies were rededicated with a special candlelighting ceremony.

The girls shared the Brownie story with family and friends, along with some Christmas carols. The troop, consisting of 15 six and seven year-olds, were proud to be recognized as Brownie Girl Scouts.

The troop recently shared some holiday cheer at

Heritage Hall Nursing home. The girls brought hand-made cards and gifts, and sang Christmas carols to the patients.

The Brownies also sent cards to "Tiny Tim" at Shriners Hospital. Over 100 cards were distributed.

The troop is led by Leader Susan Meunier and co-leader Linda Robinson, with assistance from Joan Munziato and Kathy Pfeffer.

Congratulations Brownie Troop 543!

## Post Office Asks For More "Off-Hour" Use

Will you help us get the word out? We do not only accept mail on holidays, we collect it, transport it, process it; the more the better. The more mail deposited on days when the post office is "closed," the better the work will go in the rest of the week. This volume helps balance the mail processing load.

Too many of our customers do not realize that the sooner we receive mail, the sooner it will be delivered.

You can help us avoid getting a trickle of mail one day and an avalanche the next by putting out the word; except for window service and most mail delivery, it's business as usual on holidays and Sundays.

The Post Office currently processes more than 1.5 million pieces of mail each day at the General Mail Facility in Springfield. You can imagine the volume if all customers saved their mail and we received two days' volume on the day after a holiday. The extra cost of the overtime necessary to handle the increased volume would be staggering.

And when we have large volume increases like that, mail delivery may also be delayed. People depend on getting their mail at a certain time every day, and when it's several hours late, they are not satisfied.

Major mailers are well aware that the Postal Service never closes; deposit mail after regular hours and on holidays. Residential and small business customers also can take advantage of this opportunity.

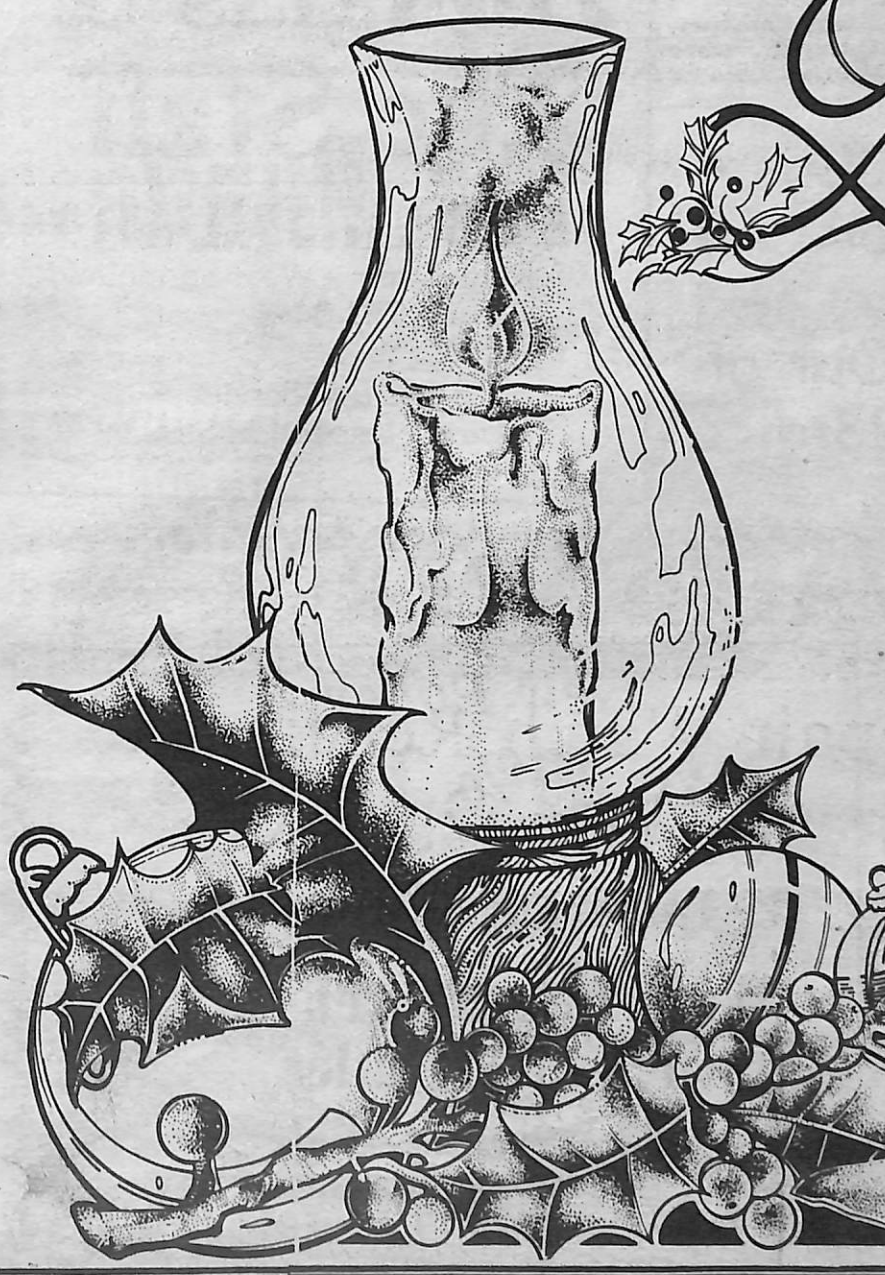
All postal employees know that the Postal Service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but some of our customers may not realize that this commitment covers holidays, too.

Sure, many of our employees have to juggle family gatherings or holiday meals, but they realize that their job is very important. That helps make working on holidays and Sundays a little easier.

The Post Office's services are not just limited to mail processing, as anyone who has seen a postal vehicle making holiday or Sunday deliveries knows. Express Mail and Special Delivery articles are delivered every day of the year. Sometimes it's hard, but it's the deliveries on those days that impress customers the most.

So, please do help us get the word out: The Postal Service works around the clock, seven days a week, 52 weeks out of the year.

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# Merry Christmas

From

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## Heritage Hall News, Activities, Events

### COMMUNITY

#### Christmas Open House

On Sunday, December 14th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., residents of Heritage Hall Campus celebrated a festive Christmas Open House. Residents, accompanied by families and friends, attended the event that was filled with the holiday spirit.

Tom Bilodeau entertained everyone with his musical talents on the accordion, and he sang a variety of favorite Christmas songs: "Frosty the Snowman," "Jingle Bells," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," to name a few. Everyone who attended enjoyed the holiday atmosphere, as well as the food.

Egg nog, punch, desserts, and hors d'oeuvres were served. All who attended had a wonderful time. Heritage Hall would like to extend a thank-you to all the residents, families, and staff for making the open house such a fun and successful event.

#### Nursery School Delights! By The Childrens' School

Heritage Hall residents were visited by 40 children that attend the Childrens' School Day Care of Feeding Hills, owned and operated by Debra Conte. The children entertained residents with Christmas songs they learned in school.

Louis & Cathlyn, the twins of Mrs. Conte, were in the group. Mrs. Caroleo, a resident, was delighted and surprised to see her granddaughter and great-grandchildren there. There were three generations in the same room.

After the caroling, the children wished everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." The group visited with residents in the lobby for a short time. Eyes sparkled and danced with happiness as hugs and Christmas spirit were exchanged by all.

Heritage Hall would like to extend a special thank-you to the children and Mrs. Conte for sharing their Christmas spirit with us.

### I Remember

by Ronald Johnson

#### Across Canada by Railroad Train

"After attending an Industrial Supply Convention in San Francisco, my wife and I went to visit my brother, Stan, who resided in Oakland, and then we traveled across the State of Oregon into Washington.

We stopped in Seattle. Looking out the window of our highrise hotel, I could see the Pacific Ocean (on which we planned to take a boat trip the next day).

Our ship stopped en route at Victoria about noon-time, and we enjoyed a quick, sight-seeing tour of the city. That afternoon we went on to Vancouver, British Columbia, our first stop in Canada where we stayed overnight.

From Vancouver we embarked by rail to cross the continent. We had a pleasant roomette with seating, as well as sleeping accommodations. Carroll's Travel Agency had arranged for us to make various stops en route.

The first stop was at the hotel at Lake Louise. The most interesting feature there was the huge dining room where we had three lovely meals. The dining area covered the whole first floor of the building, and was at least the size of a football field. I remember coming

down in the elevator; here I talked with a gentleman who had just made a trip to his room to change into a coat and tie, as he had been denied entrance to the dining room while wearing a sweater.

I recall Sigrid and I were ushered to a table set for four, where the extra place settings were taken away to give us a private table. I saw a live deer wandering through the massive grounds surrounding the building. The next stop was the Hotel Banff. Both of these areas were noted for lovely views of lakes and mountains. We enjoyed three fine meals here, also.

The idea of enormity held our attention in this dining room also. There appeared to be room for all the hotel guests to be seated at once. These two hotels were so large and located so far away from populated areas that over 1,000 students were "imported" from England each summer to staff them.

Our total trip across Canada, including the two stops, was five days. We left that train at Montreal and returned home via the U.S. railroads, through New York and New England."

### I Remember

by Izette Hudson

"We lived on a farm about 1½ miles from the center of town; since there were no close neighbors, we made our own fun. In getting ready for Christmas, one of the nice things was the last Sunday before the big event. We all gathered in the kitchen and strung long strings of popcorn and cranberries. Father popped the corn and Mother had the cranberries washed and ready for us to make a chain; one berry, then one kernel of corn.

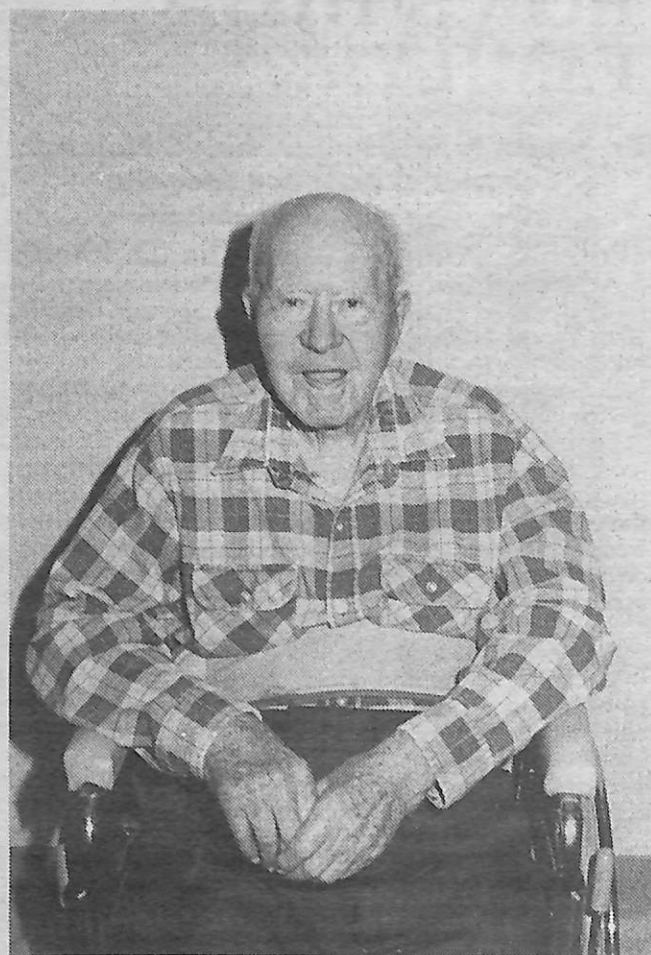
They were so pretty on the lovely green tree, which father had cut from the Spruce Swamp about a week before. When the chains were all made, Father brought in the tree and set it up for us to decorate."

### RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Joseph Henneberg

Joseph Henneberg was born in Port Jervis, New York, November 13th, 1890. He is the son of Joseph Henneberg, Sr., and Hannah Cook Henneberg. Joseph married Emma Walters, November 16th, 1911, in Thompsonville, Connecticut. The couple had no children but enjoyed many years of marriage.

Joseph was employed as a brakeman (with a conductor's rating) for the Boston and Albany Railroad. He didn't have very much time for hobbies, as his job was a demanding one. He was on call 24 hours a day. In later years, he obtained employment with the New York Central Railroad. Joseph retired in 1958 after 48 years of service. He was also a member of Mt. Orthodox Masonic Lodge for over 60 years. Heritage Hall is happy Joseph is now a member of their family.



### RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

John Henneberg

We wish you & yours a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!  
ADVERTISER NEWS

### FROM THE PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan  
St. David's Church

### "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

One of the great saints of the 13th century was Bonaventura, and it is to him that "Adeste Fideles," the much-loved hymn is attributed.

"O Come, let us adore Him" is the glorious refrain. The word "adore" means more than just having sweet feelings about Jesus: it comes originally from the Latin "ad orare," which means "to pray to."

And so, while the hymn offers an invitation to all people to worship Christ at Christmas, a special summons is offered to "the faithful," those who know Christ personally, to reverence and honor Him, offering our admiration, devotion, and yes, affection.

"O Come, all ye faithful." I hope you will hear this invitation from the Lord, and will join Him in special opportunities to "adore Him" in this special season. Venture out on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas Day to worship Him in your own church congregation, along with others who love Him too.

If you have no church, there is a wealth of loving, gospel-believing churches in our area to choose from. Above all, don't stay at home. Join together with other believers, all "the faithful."

"O Come, let us adore Him." Having done that, then what?

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Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

I and my family—Hallie, Sarah, Betsy, and the wonderful Christian people of Agawam, wish you the best of His Love, this Christmas and always.

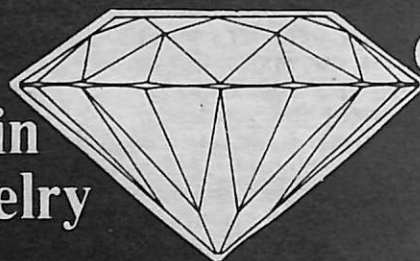
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**Dr. Warren F. Schumacher, Assoc. Professor,  
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### Parental Anger Affects The Children

As parents, we should never underestimate how much our children need our love and approval. Despite what many parents believe, children through their adolescent years tend to be very concerned and affected by what a parent thinks about them. Anger devastates the interaction between parents and kids.

Too much anger in the home sets up a chain-reaction. It eats away at the child's self image. The corrosive quality of anger causes children to question their own value and their ability to reach out to the world. This loss of self-worth leads to depression and deeper anxiety. There is just nothing like an angry parent to make a child feel worthless!

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We need to wonder about the connection between this domino effect and adolescent suicide. There are twice as many suicidal adolescents today as 10 years ago, and three times as many as 20 years ago. Is it possible that this act of totally giving-up and other distorted searching for separation through drugs and vandalism is somehow connected to parental anger?

The anger doesn't have to explode into violence or child abuse. It's the daily criticism and picking away at the things our children do; things we don't like, things that we would do differently, things we prefer them to do differently.

Sometimes, we feel angry and can't even put our finger on exactly what is upsetting us; the mood isn't caused by anything in particular but it spills over at home. Other times we "get mad" at the kids because of something totally separate from their behavior—the job, our in-laws, international crises; something very insignificant like a dirty dish left in the sink triggers the explosion.

It certainly is ok for anyone, adult or child, to feel anger. It's also ok to show anger. The challenge is finding an appropriate way to display anger that doesn't harm others. Often, it's good to let off steam, otherwise we'll get an ulcer. Each of us needs to find ways of releasing the pressure of anger that doesn't create more guilt and despair. That requires getting in touch with ourselves and the real issue.

During these times when one out of every five children is living in a single parent home, 90 percent headed by the mother, there is a real danger that mothers may displace their anger toward their ex-husbands onto their sons. Many single women are raising their children with little or no financial support from the fathers; the economic pressure in itself triggers lots of hostility.

Sometimes, the mother identifies the son with the father because of some mannerism or physical appearance that bears some similarity. It's scary when the son's voice changes in the process of becoming an adolescent and he sounds just like his father. Unpleasant memories are activated and horrible feelings are revived.

Fathers, too, are under tremendous pressure to survive in these times of economic crunch. They also displace their frustrations onto their children. When they can't explode at the boss or a customer, they carry the bomb home and it explodes there. Parents "get on the kids' case" because they left the house a mess, they are blasting the stereo, or are fighting again...the list is endless.

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Realizing the potential disaster of too much destructive anger at home, during the next week let's try to figure out a better way to express our anger. Get in touch with your angry mood. Try to put your finger on what's really bugging you. Talk about how you feel, if only to yourself. Don't let your anger build-up to a point of explosion. Let it out by screaming or running back and forth around the house. It's better the kids think you're crazy than they are bad kids, because when you are dumping your anger on them, it can be harmful.

Sometimes, try to diffuse the bomb at the outset. Anticipate the event that is going to upset you. You just know when your son is going to get home late after this date; when he isn't going to get to church on Sunday when he promised that he would; that your daughter is going to continue to date that "clod."

If you know that your sarcastic criticism is going to do more harm than good, try silence. Your son or daughter knows your values and how you feel. Take a walk and scream at the top of your lungs. Punch a pillow as hard as you can. But try not to say anything that will just make matters worse.

If, after you have tried these gimmicks, you still express your anger in a damaging way and you have really dumped all over your kids, don't get discouraged. Parents are people too; children soon learn that big people makes mistakes too. After you have calmed down, apologize; "I'm sorry. It was really upset. I shouldn't have jumped on you." Don't let your anger eat away at your own self-worth and that of your family. Forgive and forget; that goes for yourself too, not just others.

Anger feeds on itself. We have to break the pattern. Life is too short to take every issue so seriously. Laugh to forget; don't forget to laugh.

## The Night Before Xmas: Make It Fire-Safe

Submitted by the Agawam Fire Department

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. When down through the chimney, all covered with soot, came the spirit of fire, an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern, as he looked all around for something to burn. What he saw made him grumble—his anger grew higher, for there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree. It stood in the corner, leaving passageways free. The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim, had been hung with precaution, so none touched a limb.

All wiring was new, not a break could be seen,

and wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent; the ornaments used should be fire-resistant.

And mother had known the things to avoid—like cotton and paper and plain celluloid. Rock wool, metal icicles, and trinkets of glass, gave life to the tree—it really had class!

And, would you believe it, right next to the tree, was a suitable box for holding debris—a place to throw wrappings of paper and string, from all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

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DISPLAYING THIS CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRT at the Annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the St. John's Church Guild are, from left - Betty Reilly, Lean De-Mont, and Mickey Morin. The bazaar was held at the St. John's Parish Center, Saturday, December 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PENY MEUNIER, PAT HUMISTON, & GLORIA GLOSTER are proud of their handmade gingerbread houses at the Annual St. John's Church Guild Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK, so our staff can enjoy the holiday season. The next issue will be Thursday, January 8th.

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## Santa, Christmas Cheer At Annual Chamber Breakfast



**THAT JOLLY OLD MAN FROM THE NORTH POLE, St. Nick** (Paul Galaska of Heritage Sales, Inc.) gives new Agawam Chamber of Commerce member Kim Lange (Hair East) her Christmas present at the Chamber's Annual Holiday Breakfast at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**SANTA CLAUS** (Paul Galaska of Heritage Sales) plays to the crowd at the Annual Holiday Breakfast of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, December 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

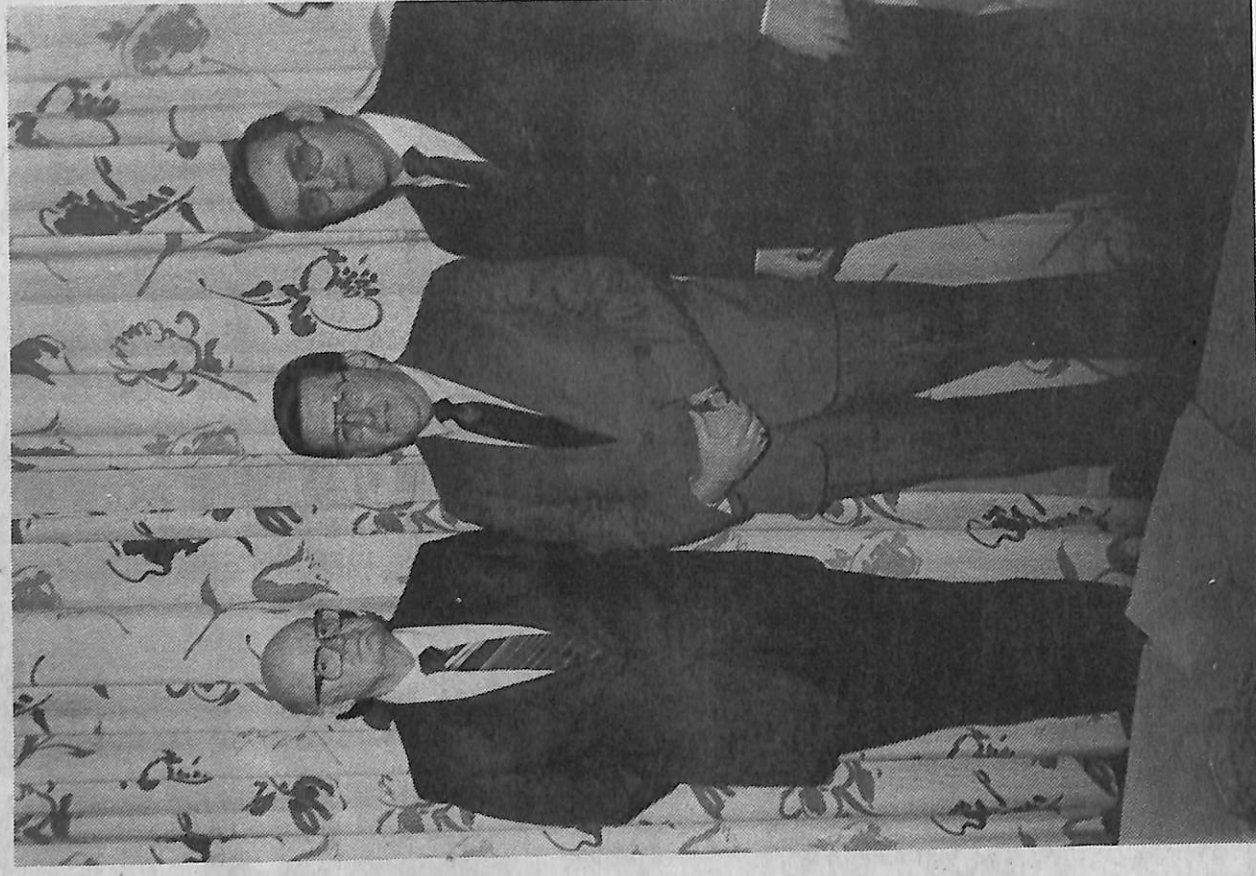
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**RICHARD GARVEY**, editor of the *Springfield Daily News* (left), was the guest speaker at the Annual Holiday Breakfast of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with Garvey are **Dick Aldrich** (center), president, and **Victor Carra**, treasurer. The event was again held at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

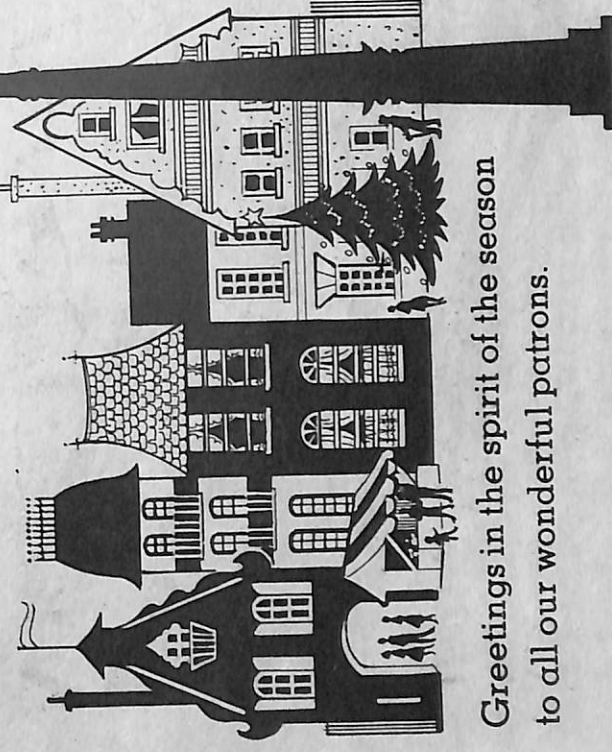
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**JOHN LYNCH** shows Daniele Lamagdeleine and her three year-old son, Joseph, a tree at Cincotta Farms, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THREE YEAR-OLD JUSTIN ROBICHAUD** selects his Christmas tree at Cincotta Farms last week, with the assistance of Ralph Whittum (left) and John Lynch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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THIS RATHER HAPPY GORILLA, a member of Dominique & Company, entertains Community Grange children Aimee Blystone and Dominick Tebaldi, Wednesday, December 16th.

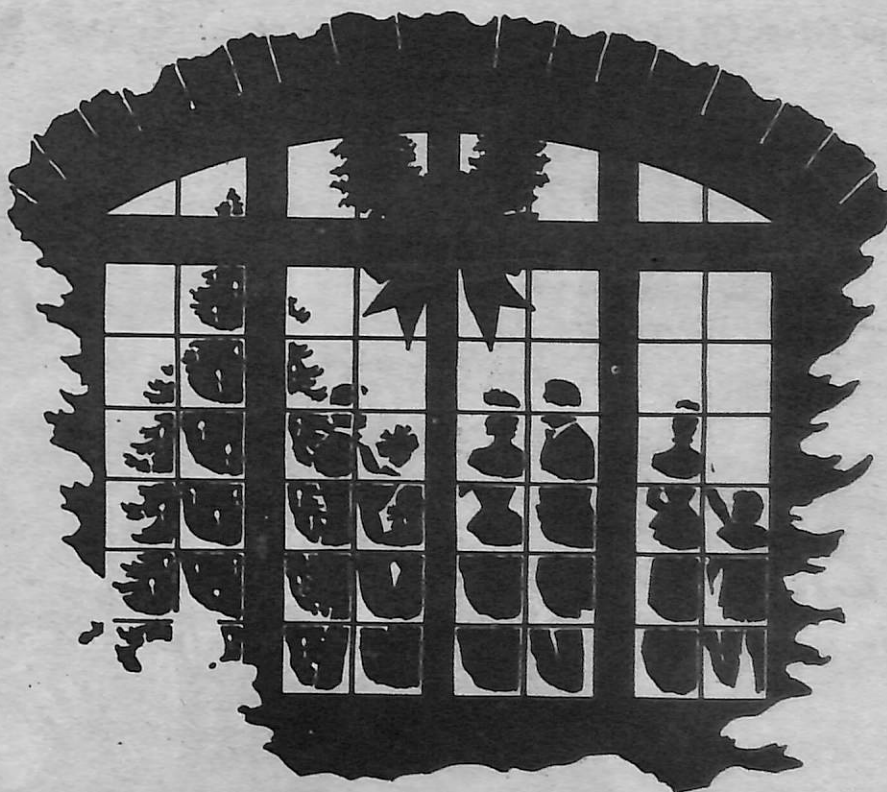
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## Marie E. Daglio Wed To Mr. Alfredo DiMauro, Jr.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Springfield, was the setting for the July 4th wedding of Marie Elizabeth Daglio and Alfredo DiMauro, Jr. The Reverend Charles F. Gonet, assisted by Reverend Joseph Massaro, officiated the 2:00 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Daglio of West Springfield. Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo DiMauro of Longmeadow are the parents of the groom. Lizzie Daglio of Agawam is the bride's grandmother.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Christine Daglio. Vincent DiMauro, the groom's brother, served as best man.

Bridesmaids were Gina Dunn and Dianne DiMauro, sisters of the groom; Patricia DiMauro, sister-in-law of the groom; and Susan Mattina, Mary Beth Branagan, and Mary Jo DiNardo, friends of the bride.

The groom's niece, Julie Jan DiMauro, was the flower girl.

Ushers were Andrew Dunn, brother-in-law of the groom; Michael DiMauro, cousin of the groom; Stephen Daglio, brother of the bride; and Ralph D'Amico, Robert Pellin, and David Pino, friends of the groom.

The vocalist at the ceremony was Todd Rovelli, assisted by the organist, Barbara Baudo, and the trumpeter Gary Hart. Mary Beth Branagan played "Perhaps Love," as the communion meditation.

The bride wore a formal gown of white slipper satin, with a sweetheart neckline and angel sleeves trimmed with hand-set rose buds. Her gown had a full circular skirt with a scalloped hemline, trimmed with the hand-set rose buds and a full cathedral length train.

She wore a crown of hand-set crystal drops and wispy seed pearls, with a promenade length illusion veiling. She carried an arm bouquet of white calla lilies.

The attendants wore tea length gowns in a fuschia faille with sweetheart necklines, fitted bodices, ruffled necks and sleeves, and circular skirts. Their head-dresses were a forehead-tipped circle of matching fabric and a back pouffe. They carried arm bouquets of pink rhubrim lilies, vibrant pink mini-carnations, and white baby's breath.

The flower girl wore a white eyelet floor length gown with a fuschia sash. She carried a tiny white basket arrangement of the same flowers.

Following a reception for 300 at the Grand Ballroom of the Springfield Marriott, the couple honeymooned in Hawaii and have established their residence in Agawam.

Mrs. DiMauro is a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Westfield, and Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. She is an accountant with the international accounting firm of Arthur Young, Hartford.

Mr. DiMauro is a graduate of Cathedral High School and Roger Williams College, Bristol, Rhode Island.

He is presently pursuing a master's degree at Western New England College. He is the assistant administrator in-charge of plant management for the Ring Nursing and Rest Homes of Springfield.



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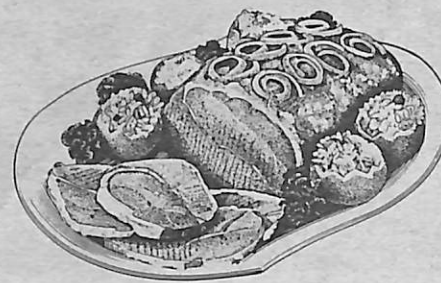
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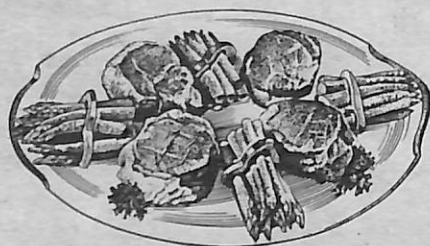
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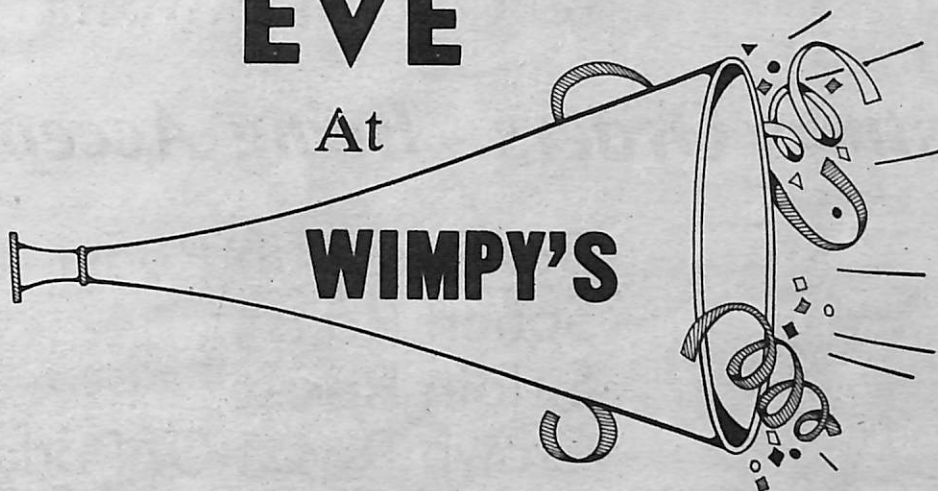
CHILDREN PICTURED WITH MRS. KLAUS (member Barbara Connery), back row, from left - Heidi Semanie, Lisa Gallerani, and Brian Swenson. In front - Kari Leger, David Gallerani (on lap), Lucas Taylor, Eric Belisle, and Emily Swenson (sitting). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MRS. KLAUS was able to leave the North Pole for a few hours and visit with children of the Agawam Junior Women's Club members, Saturday, December 20th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Children with Mrs. Klaus, standing, from left - Scott Belisle, Kim Leger, and Kristen Gallerani. Front row - Christine Jack, Kaitlin Sardella (on lap), and Danny Dialessi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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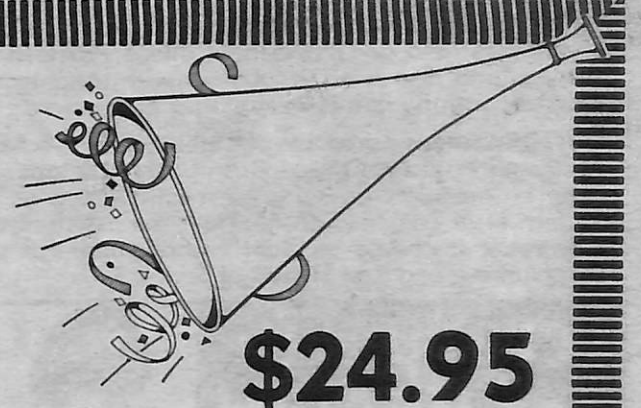


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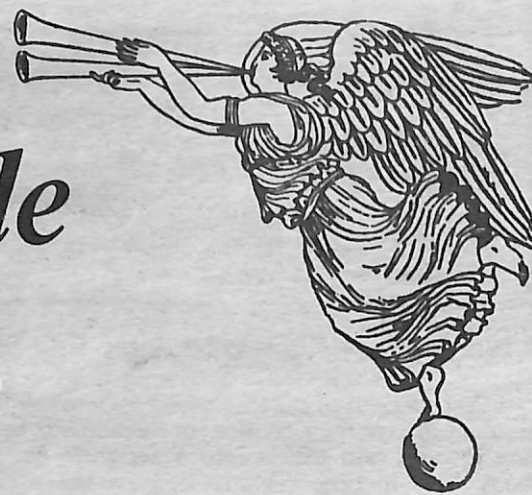
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# Christmas Schedule

## Agawam's Places Of Worship



### St. John The Evangelist Church

Wednesday, December 24

9:00 A.M. Morning Mass

4:00 P.M. Mass Anticipating Christ's Birth

6:30 P.M. Christmas Mass For Children Of All Ages

11:00 P.M. Solemn First Mass Of Christmas - This Solemn Mass With Candles And Carols Begins The Church's Festive Celebration Of Christ's Birth.

Thursday, December 25

8:00 A.M. Christmas Mass Of The Shepards At Dawn

9:15 A.M. Christmas Day Mass

10:30 A.M. Christmas Day Mass

11:45 A.M. Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 26

9:00 A.M. Morning Mass - Feast of St. Stephen

Saturday, December 27

8:30 A.M. Morning Mass

4:00 P.M. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FEAST DAY

MASS with commissioning of Parish Lectors

5:15 P.M. VIGIL MASS Of The Holy Family

6:30 P.M. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 28

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10:30 A.M. Mass

11:45 A.M. Mass

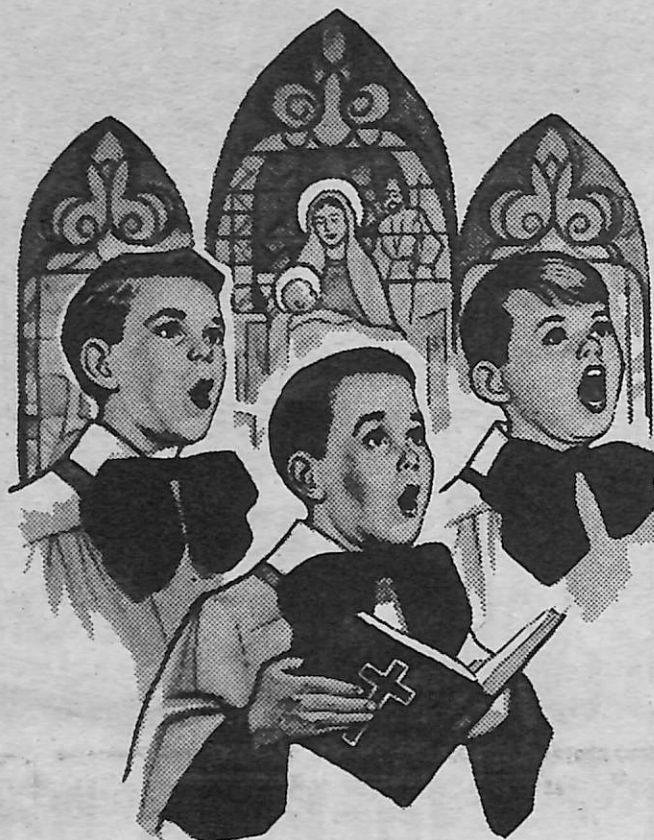
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



### Valley Community Church

December 24

11:30 P.M. Service Of Carols And Candlelighting



### Agawam Baptist Church

December 24

7:30 P.M. Candlelight Service - Tableaux Featuring Church School Children Narrated By Jeanne Webster And Donald Morris Concluding With Individual Candlelighting.

### St. Anthony's Church

December 24

4:00 P.M. Mass - Carols

December 25

8:30 Mass - Children's Christmas Presentation

10:45 Mass

### Sacred Heart

December 24

4:00 P.M. Mass - Living Creche By Pre-Schoolers

6:00 P.M. Mass

12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass - Full Senior Choir Will Be Singing And Also The Dedication Of The New Creche In The Chapel Of The Blessed Mother

December 25

7:30 A.M. Mass

9:00 A.M. Mass

11:00 A.M. Mass

### Bethany Assembly Of God

December 24

7:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion Service

December 31

10:30 P.M. Watch Night Service

### St. Therese's Church

December 24

4:30 P.M. Mass - Children Participating

12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass - Traditional Caroling Before Solemn Mass With Senior Choir, Jacqueline Johnson, Organist

December 25

9:00 A.M. Mass

11:00 A.M. Mass - With Christmas Carols

### Feeding Hills Congregational Church

December 24

5:30 P.M. Christmas Festival Worship Lessons, Carols, And The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper

11:30 P.M. Readings, Meditations, And The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper To Usher In Christmas Day

### Agawam Congregational Church

December 24

6:30 P.M. Family Candlelight Service Geared For Families With Young Children

11:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service And Carols

### Agawam Methodist Church

December 24

7:00 P.M. Family Service With Lessons, Carols And Candles

11:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. Service With Candles And Communion



### St. David's Church

December 24

5:00 P.M. Special Children's Service

10:40 P.M. Carols

11:00 P.M. Choral Service With Festival Eucharist Following

December 25

10:00 A.M. Eucharist





## MONEY \$ENSE

by Charles Alvanos  
IDS-American Exp.  
Financial Planner



### No Longer Can Use Kids For Shelter

It used to be that parents could save tax dollars and build a fund for their children at the same time by shifting income and assets into a separate account for them. The income generated from these accounts would be taxed at the child's lower tax rate. But now, much of that will change under the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

Beginning January 1st, unearned income over \$1,000 in an account for a child under the age of 14 will be taxed at the parent's rate. For children 14 and older, the old rules still apply. This doesn't mean that you can no longer save for your children by shifting your income into accounts in their name. It just means that it will be more expensive to do so.

What are your options? There are many investments a parent can investigate as vehicles for shifting their income while saving for their child's future. The key to doing this under the tax reform law is to concentrate on either tax-deferred or tax-free investments.

**Savings bonds** are one of the oldest yet most versatile methods of saving for the future. Recently, the maturity on Series EE savings bonds has been extended to 12 years and can be totally tax-deferred. This makes savings bonds a perfect investment for children two years-old and up, since their maturity will fall at the age of 14 or older (when the child is past the cut-off point for the new tax law on unearned income).

You can purchase savings bonds for as little as \$25 for a \$50 bond, and for as much as \$5,000 for a \$10,000 bond. You are limited to a maximum investment of \$15,000 annually for \$30,000 in bonds. They can be purchased through payroll deduction plans, savings banks, or from Federal Reserve Banks.

Recently, the Treasury department reduced the minimum guaranteed interest rate on new savings bonds to 6 percent from 7.5 percent annually, provided you hold the bond for at least five years. But, even with this reduction, savings bonds remain one of the best tax-deferred investments because of their minimum guaranteed yield at maturity.

Another type of bond to consider investing in for your children is the **"zero coupon" bond**. In general, these bonds pay no interest at all. But, what makes them a good investment is their high rate of return when they mature. This rate, referred to as "yield," is determined by the current interest rate at the time of purchase, and is locked in until the bond is redeemed.

The bond accrues interest while it is maturing, but it is not paid out to the investor; instead, the interest is reinvested in the principal of the original bond.

However, the IRS treats the interest as if it is paid to the investor, which makes it subject to annual taxation. Therefore, your child is paying taxes on interest he or she is not actually collecting.

As an alternative, there are zero coupon bonds that

are issued by local and state governments. The interest is exempt from federal taxes, and state and local taxes if you buy bonds issued by the state in which you live.

A single zero coupon bond is issued for \$5,000 or more. But, if you don't want to invest such a large sum at one time, you can invest in part of one through a mutual fund where others invest in the same bond.

There are also certain forms of **insurance plans** that will allow you to invest in a policy, such as **universal life insurance**, and save money, tax-deferred, for the future.

By purchasing a policy for your child, you can establish a savings plan in his or her name. A policy such as this combines insurance with a high rate of return on earnings within the account. The insurance company may guarantee a return on the cash value portion based on the performance of the investment in which your money has been placed.

While your premium is due at least annually, in some plans it is possible to skip a premium without losing the policy.

Another similar option for saving is an **annuity**. Compared to an insurance policy, which saves money for your survivors when you pass away, an annuity saves money for a specific date in the future, when you can collect the funds on a monthly basis or in a lump sum.

As an investment, it offers several benefits. The yield follows the current market rate, which makes it competitive to other investments, and the income is deferred until you begin the pay-out.

There are many other options that are available for parents who want to establish a savings plan for their children that provides tax savings. If you find all the options a bit overwhelming, contact your CPA. He or she will be able to explain all of the details of existing plans, and will also be able to help you find the plan that is best for you and your child based on your goals.

Saving for your child's education, first car, or other expenses can be easy with the right savings plan.

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The little games you asked me to;  
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And ask me please to share your fun,  
I'd say: "A little later," son  
I'd bath you, tuck you in at night,  
And hear your prayers, turn out the light,  
Then I'd tip-toe softly, look back, and close the door  
Oh, how I wish I'd stayed a minute more.  
For life is short, the years rush past,  
Kids grow up so fast;  
No longer are they at your side,  
Their precious secrets to confide.  
Those picture books are put away;  
No Longer games to play, no good night kisses,  
No hugs, no prayers to hear,  
That all belongs to yesteryear.  
My hands once busy, now are still, the days  
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## "Trunk Of Treasures" For Kids At Museum

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Demonstrations and slide presentations will highlight a specific craft or historical theme. Children and adults can travel back in time to learn about daily life in the 1700's. Explore the fanciful world of 19th-century decorative arts with slide presentations and demonstrations of stenciling, pierced tinware, or theorem painting.

Programs will change each month. For further information, please call the museum, 732-3080. Admission is by donation.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

## Bambi School Recognizes Breda O'Malley



THE BAMBI NURSERY SCHOOL teachers celebrated Christmas with a dinner at Ernie's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, Wednesday, December 17th. Also, the group honored teacher Breda O'Malley of Agawam for 10 years of dedicated service to the school. Presenting Mrs. O'Malley with a gift is owner Nancy Molta, and Sylvia Mancinone, director. Looking on are teachers Colleen Hughes, Gina Frasco, Pauline Spinale, and Margaret Mancinone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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RECENTLY, RESIDENTS OF THE WEST BUILDING of Heritage Hall Nursing Home were entertained by a choral group who sang songs of the season. The program was another in a series brought to Heritage Hall by civic groups for the entertainment of the residents. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Local Red Cross Offers January CPR Classes

The following American Red Cross courses are scheduled for January. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay at the Red Cross during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All courses will be held at the Red Cross building at 235 Chestnut Street.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):** January 5th and 7th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$25; January 15th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$25; January 20th, 22nd, and 23rd, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$27.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review:** Open to all participants with current CPR certification. Students should come prepared to take a written and practical examination. Texts are not included and may be purchased at the Health Services Office.

January 14th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$14.

**Multimedia Standard First Aid:** January 21st, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$34; January 27th and 29th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$34.

**Lifesaving Package:** Advanced Lifesaving/Standard First Aid Lecture/CPR/First Responder. These sessions will be held at New North School. For further information, contact the Springfield Park Department, 787-6435. The fee is: \$25 for Springfield residents and \$50 for non-Springfield residents.

January 13th to March 26th, (Tuesdays and Thursdays), 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The staff of the AAN wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see you again in 1987 with our edition of January 8th.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Henry G. Prussman

Henry G. Prussman, 37, of 128 Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills, a 12-year computer graphics engineer for the Combustion Engineering Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Boston, he attended Plymouth schools and graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University in 1970. He was a Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Judith M. Parus; a son, David; a daughter, Sarah Prussman, both at home; his mother, Margaret Prussman Priesing; his stepfather, Ronald Priesing, both of Fairhaven; three brothers, Richard of Northhighlands Court, California, William of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Herbert of Hudson, and five sisters, Dorothy McKay of Jamaica Plains, Margaret Grant of Dorchester, Helen Evans, and Charlotte Oldham, both of Carver, and Catherine Howell of Fairhaven.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Ambulance Fund.

### Richard M. Taylor

Richard M. Taylor, 68, of 526 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired former farmer, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Feeding Hills, he was a lifelong resident. He owned and operated his own farm until retiring two years ago. He was a 50-year member of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Association, and served as clerk and treasurer of the Springfield Street Cemetery Association for 35 years. He was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church and served on various church committees. He was also the treasurer at the church for eight years. He leaves his wife, the former Marjorie Wilcox; two daughters, Carol Taylor of Feeding Hills and Linda Edelman of Agawam, and his mother, M. Louise Taylor of Westfield.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, or to the Agawam Ambulance Fund, 1200 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.



SUZANNE M. LAPOINTE & STEPHEN J. DAGLIO

### Miss LaPointe Is Fiancee Of Stephen J. Daglio

Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. LaPointe Of Salem, Massachusetts, announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Stephen Joseph Daglio, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Daglio of West Springfield.

Ms. LaPointe is a 1983 graduate of Marian Court Junior College, Swampscot, Massachusetts. She is employed by Healthnet, Inc., Salem.

Mr. Daglio is a 1977 graduate of St. Mary's High School, Westfield, and a 1981 graduate of North Adams State College. He is employed as assistant vice president of the M.R. Shaw Insurance Agency, Salem.

An August 1987 wedding is being planned.

Mr. Daglio is the grandson of Lizzie Daglio of Agawam.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT WATSON

### Deborah Ann Picciuto Bride Of Mr. Robert Watson

Deborah Ann Picciuto, of Malden, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Picciuto of North Reading, became the bride of Mr. Robert William Watson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Watson, Jr., of Elm Street, Agawam.

The wedding took place October 4th, at St. Theresa's Church, North Reading. A reception followed at Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover.

The Reverend Edmund L. Parker, officiated.

The maid of honor was Linda Peltin. Serving as bridesmaids are Bonnie Burke and Charlotte Nolan.

The best man was George Plant. Serving as ushers were Ralph Nelson and Mark Alfano.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of North Reading High School. She graduate from the University of Massachusetts with a b.s. degree. She received her m.p.h. in health service administration at the Boston University School of Medicine.

She is currently employed at the University of Massachusetts-Boston in health services as an assistant coordinator of health promotion.

The groom is a 1973 graduate of Agawam High School. He attended the University of Massachusetts and received his b.s. degree. He received a diploma in computer programming from the Computer Processing Institute, Hartford, and his master's of business administration from the Suffield University School of Management, Boston.

Mr. Watson is employed as a programmer/analyst at Software International, Andover.

The couple honeymooned for two weeks on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Maui, Hawaii.

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# Senior Citizens Reflect On Those Past Christmases

by Betty Burke, Laura Dugan, & Jack Melbourne - Agawam Seniors

Christmas 1986—is it so different than Christmas 60 or 75 years ago? As senior citizens, we collectively remember a great many Christmases. Traditions persevere. Then, as now, Christmas was geared to the children.

For a brief span of years, Santa Claus was **real**. Santa was the one who filled our stockings. Maybe, we wondered why there were no sleigh tracks in the snow, or maybe we thought we recognized the apple in our stocking as that special one we had wanted when we helped pick them, but the orange in our stocking (often the only one we might have that year)...surely, Santa had brought that.

What did children "do" before toys were battery operated or electronically controlled? We still had blocks for building, books that became dear friends, puzzles to test our dexterity and/or our curiosity.

There were dolls for the girls and toy soldiers and jackknives for the boys. There were the usual handknit mittens, scarves, and caps, and the mail-order packages with the high buckle overshoes and clamp-on ice skates.

In school, our teacher arranged a Christmas program and we drew names so each child had a present. Teacher gave each one a candy cane. A popcorn ball would be a special treat. There was usually a pageant depicting "The First Christmas." It was an honor to be chosen as "Mary" or "Joseph," or to bring the doll for the "Baby Jesus."

Christmas trees usually came from the back woodlot and were decorated with hand-strung popcorn and cranberries, as well as handmade colored paper chains; sometimes they glowed with small lighted-candles carefully clipped to the bough ends.

There was always snow for the sleigh rides with the sound of sleigh bells, carol singing, and laughter. Clement Moore's "Twas The Night Before Christmas," and Eugene Field's "Jest 'fore Christmas" were family favorites.

Was Christmas better then? It certainly provided us seniors with wonderful memories. Would we want to go back? We say, "No"; but we are thankful to have those memories; more precious with each passing year.

A large part of the joy of Christmas which we feel as seniors is through our children and grandchildren, and for those of us especially blessed, great-grandchildren.

We are awed by the changes our lifetime has witnessed; from horse-drawn power, oil lamps, and crystal sets, to supersonic jets, laser beams, and instant video. We marvel at the tremendous strides that have been made in all fields, except perhaps, **man's inhumanity to man.**

Christmas has not lost the excitement, the anticipation, and the hopes we experienced during our childhood. It is just that we are more reserved in our celebrating. For most of us, Christmas is still the best time of the year.

We raise our cups and toast the Christmas Season with Tiny Tim's "God Bless Us Everyone."

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Laura Dugan, Betty Burke, and Jack Melbourne are members of the weekly journalism class at the Agawam Senior Center.



**MEMBERS OF THE JOURNALISM CLASS** at the Agawam Senior Center, from left - Jack Melbourne, Betty Burke, and Laura Dugan provide some thought-provoking memories of Christmases past. At right is Sandra Smith, activities director at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Disabled Of WestMass. Help Handicapped

Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc., is a non-profit support organization composed of handicapped and non-disabled persons who are concerned with the difficulties confronting the physically disabled.

The goals of DWM are to develop and enhance the social life of the disabled; to generate public awareness of the plight of the disabled; to educate the public on the needs of the disabled and what the public can do to help; and to generate a public attitude of acceptance of the disabled as full-fledged citizens capable of maintaining some degree of self-sufficiency.

Also, to help remove the architectural, attitudinal, and transportation barriers which restrict and inhibit the disabled from achieving their highest potential; and to secure the same rights and privileges deemed available to able-bodied citizens.

We have been involved, since the founding of the organization in 1974, with the Recreation and Resource Project in Holyoke, the Easter Seal Handicap Kitchen at the Big E, Awareness Programs in Springfield, Western Mass. Title XX Meetings, Health Fairs, Transportation Study Program with the PVTA, Information and Referral Services, and planning slanted curb project with the mayors of both Springfield and Holyoke.

We have formulated state legislation for handicapped individuals (Handicapped Parking Card), and many of our members are active in other area organizations, including Massachusetts Rehabilitation Committee, Easter Seal Society, Arthritis self-help groups, M.S., U.C.P., and Massachusetts Association for the Blind.

We are active in pressing for legislation to enhance, and in many cases, make possible, the lives of people with all kinds of disabilities. We are one of the few groups in the state which deal with all types of disabilities; in other words, we are a true cross-disability support group.

We are independent of any government funding, and therefore, the members run the organization. Our dues are only \$5 per year, and we serve a large number of people who are unable to leave their homes.

Our newsletter, "The Seekers" is published on a monthly basis, and our general meetings are currently being held on the first Monday of each month (except when that day is a holiday, then meetings are the second Monday) at the VFW Post 1632, 194 South Street, Agawam, at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and functions, whether they are handicapped or not. All that is required is a sincere desire to see that the disabled are well-served by society and not relegated to attics, as was the practice in the long-ago (thank Heavens!) dark old days.

Our Christmas party is the major social function of the year for our members. In many cases, it is the only really social evening that some of the members can attend in the entire year.

Henry Whitlock, of Feeding Hills, is the publicity chairman and newly appointed General Board Member of DWM. Henry is doing a great job as Publicity chairman and helps the organization immensely with his positive good spirits and original ideas, as well as his tireless efforts in behalf of the membership of DWM.

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## FOR YOUR HEALTH...

### Symptoms Of Cataracts - by Dr. Richard Gallerani - Feeding Hills

A cataract, by definition, is an opacity (or clouding) of the lens of the eye regardless of how large or small. The lens is located behind the iris or colored part of the eye.

This opacity can cause distortion or blurring of the light which enters the eye and passes through the lens to the retina. A cataract is **not** a "film over the eye" and is extremely difficult to see with the unaided eye. It can be detected by a slit lamp examination during eye examinations often before symptoms arise.

A cataract can be caused by aging, inflammations of the eye, injuries to the eye, radiation, some medications, and diseases such as diabetes. Some cataracts are present at birth. There is no way of preventing cataracts and overusing the eyes does **not** cause cataracts. Eye exercises, vitamins, or eye drops do not cure cataracts.

The primary symptom of a cataract is a slow, painless blurring of vision. Dim vision, increased difficulty with small print, or difficulty with night driving may be noted.

There are several different types of cataracts. The most common type is the "elderly" or nuclear sclerotic cataract. This type occurs in virtually everyone during their later years, and more than 50 percent of all people can expect to have some cataract changes by age 65.

This cataract results from changes in the nucleus, or center, of the lens, which is present from birth. The lens grows throughout life and the newer layers disrupt the nucleus, causing a haziness. Some evidence suggests that the absorption of ultraviolet light by the nucleus to protect the retina also leads to the clouding.

Both eyes eventually develop this type of cataract, but it may advance at different rates between the two eyes. This type of cataract generally progresses slowly

over years or decades.

A shift in eyeglass prescription towards myopia usually accompanies this type of cataract. An increased prescription may help initially, and farsighted people may find that they need their distance glasses less.

Eventually, the cataract will advance, cause increased cloudiness, and can lead to blindness. This blindness is not permanent like other diseases of the eye, as vision can be restored by surgery. As the cataract does not threaten the health of the eye early in its development, it is important for the patient to realize that surgery in most cases can be postponed until the visual impairment from the cataract is causing problems with the patient's lifestyle, such as interfering with reading, driving, depth perception, etc.

The prognosis and potential for good vision is not reduced by waiting.

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The second type of cataract seen frequently is the posterior subcapsular cataract (PSC). Located inside the back surface of the lens, this cataract is less common than the nuclear sclerotic cataract. However, PSC tends to advance more quickly, often over months rather than years, and the PSC is often located centrally, thereby interfering with vision to a greater extent than the nuclear cataract.

When the cataract reaches the point where it interferes with vision enough so that the patient chooses surgery, the cloudy central portion of the lens is removed, and the intact back surface is left in place.

Commonly, an intraocular lens implant (IOL) is used to replace the cataractous lens. Contact lenses are still used where an IOL is not advisable. Spectacles are usually required for optimal vision over the IOL and for reading.

### Diabetic Classes At Providence Hospital

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, January 9th, 1987 at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., Diabetic teaching nurse, said classes are open to all diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar

level testing which will be held January 8th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary, and a \$2 donation is asked to cover some costs.

A question and answer period is part of each class. Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital at 536-5111, extension 2291.

### Dentists Use X-Rays To Find Solutions

by Dr. Stephen Jacapraro  
1279 Main Street - Agawam

Dentists use two major types of X-rays to help diagnose the condition of patients' mouths. One is the panoramic or total X-ray, which captures the jaws and all the teeth in one exposure as an X-ray tube revolves around the patient.

The other X-ray method, preferred for diagnosing periodontal diseases, is called a periapical X-ray. This involves a series of pictures taken with small rectangles of film set into plastic holding devices. These are pressed against the individual teeth and held there as the patient bites the surface of the plastic holder. Mounted together, these individual X-rays give a clear, detailed picture of each tooth and its surrounding bone.

There are over 200 diseases of the mouth and jaw which can be identified only through an X-ray survey because this shows what the naked eye cannot see. Without the aid of X-ray, the dentist is able to see inflammation of gum tissue and deep periodontal pockets (but not the extent of bone destruction), the discoloration of a tooth (but not the area of decay causing it), the surface of an apparently normal silver alloy filling (but not the infected tooth pulp or root end of the tooth).

It's reassuring, considering their value, to know that dental X-rays have never been safer. Using ultra-speed films, it takes only 2-second exposure time for a complete mouth series (18 films).

Here is an overview of some of the mouth conditions revealed by dental X-rays.

- **Permanent teeth** still developing in the gums, including any abnormalities.
- **Lack of formation** of a permanent tooth or teeth under primary teeth.
- **Extra teeth embedded** in the jaw which, as they grow, can crowd out other teeth.
- **Position of wisdom teeth.**
- **Decay between teeth** or under old fillings.
- **Cysts or abscesses** at the end of a badly decayed tooth root.
- **Bone loss between teeth**—an important sign of periodontal disease.
- **Large or crooked** tooth roots which may need special treatment.
- **Broken or retained** root fragments which can affect denture wearing.
- **Cancer of the jaw.**

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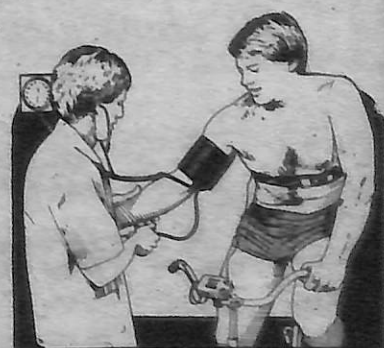


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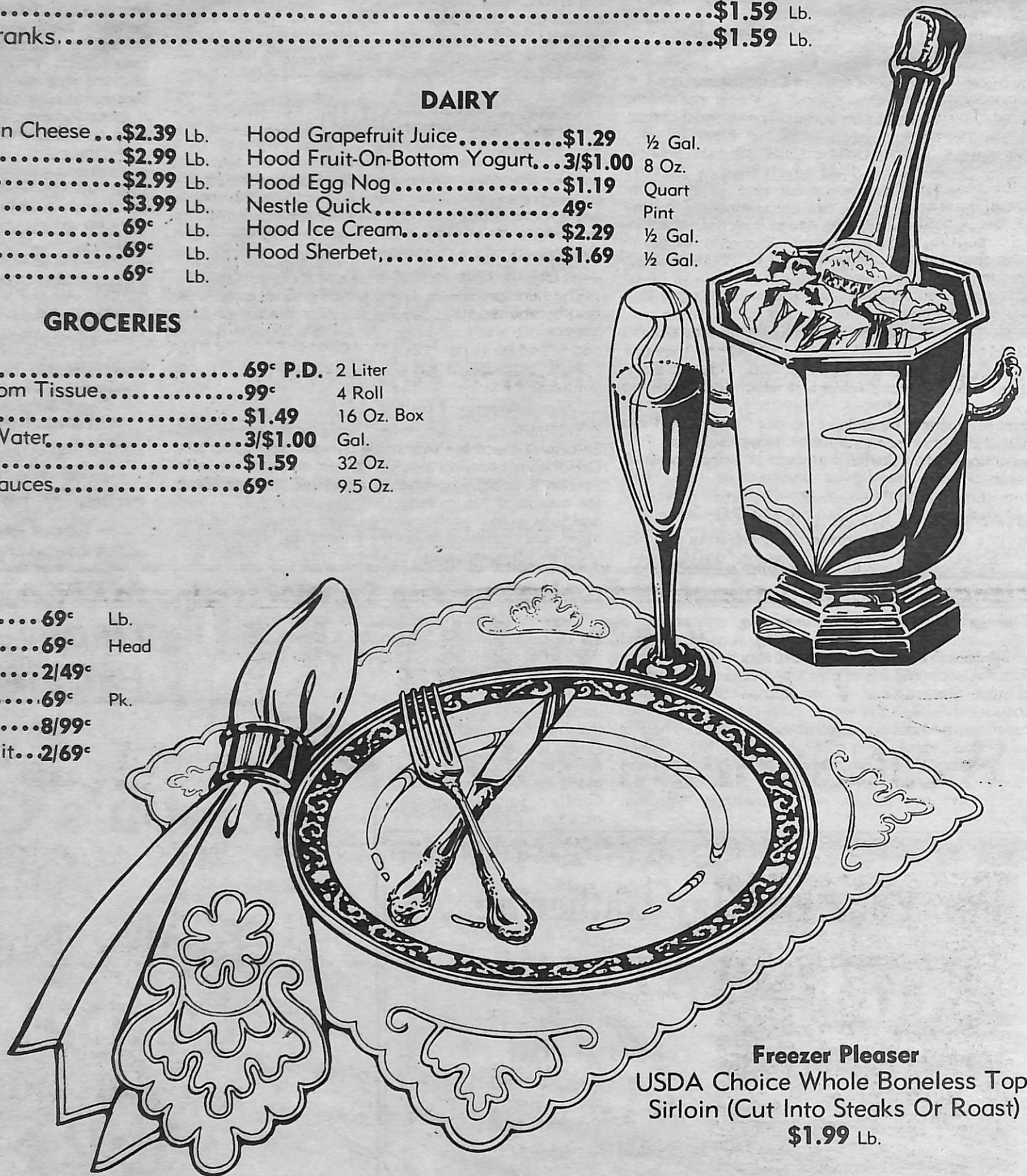
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# Arts



## PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit  
Entertainment Editor

### —The Golden Child: 1½ STARS

An uneven and lackluster comedy-fantasy starring Eddie Murphy as a Los Angeles social worker-cum-private investigator who—according to a centuries-old, Oriental prophecy—is destined to rescue a kidnapped Tibetan boy (J.L. Reate) who possesses magical powers that are intended to help save the world from an all-consuming source of evil.

*The Golden Child* is reminiscent of *Big Trouble in Little China*, a box-office bomb of the past summer about a tough-talking truck driver (Kurt Russell) who becomes embroiled with ancient Oriental sorcerers in San Francisco's Chinatown. And, like that earlier picture, this just-released film suffers from a most discordant blend of humor and supernatural drama.

The comedy in *The Golden Child* consists of wisecracking, profanity-laced wit which Murphy (*Beverly Hills Cop*) delivers with vivacious zest. In the meantime, his humorous antics are complemented by the straight-faced behavior of the rest of the cast, which includes Charlotte Lewis (*Pirates*) as a sultry Tibetan woman who aids Murphy in his mission, and British actor Charles Dance (*Plenty*) as the demonic leader of the villains who kidnapped the title character in the first place.

However, while the funny moments in *The Golden Child* are enjoyable to watch, the rest of the movie is definitely not. Murphy's quest to find and rescue the magical boy is a bland adventure which lacks thrilling physical action; features uninteresting special effects that fail to make us believe in the "reality" of the supernatural characters and their incredible feats; and does not have the necessary amount of suspense which is essential to keeping us involved in the hero's perilous predicaments.

### —Heartbreak Ridge: 3 STARS

In this entertaining, present-day military drama, Clint Eastwood plays Gunnery Sergeant Tom Highway.

a tough-as-nails, veteran Marine who served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and is now approaching mandatory retirement.

Currently assigned to a base from which he was kicked out of some years ago, Highway has the difficult task of taking the undisciplined soldiers of a slovenly reconnaissance unit and turning them into the kind of battle-ready, full-of-pride Marines whom they are supposed to be.

Produced and directed by Eastwood (*Pale Rider*), *Heartbreak Ridge* is somewhat hampered by the kind of clichéd characterizations and plot elements that are generally associated with films about the military. What's more, a subplot involving the reunion between Highway and his ex-wife (Marsha Mason) adds an extraneous romantic quality to the story.

Nevertheless, these problems are outweighed by the picture's positive qualities. Eastwood succeeds at turning *Heartbreak Ridge* into a well-acted and engaging picture that deals with courage, comradeship, and self-respect. At the same time, the plot evokes an old-fashioned, patriotic quality that brings to mind such timeless and first-rate war movies as *The Sands of Iwo Jima*.

Though Eastwood does a fine job behind the cameras, he also manages to deliver a most impressive performance. The character of Tom Highway is a brutal man whose extremely unorthodox training tactics border on being inhumane, but Eastwood skillfully conveys the impression that Highway's ruthlessness stems from a desire to get the best efforts out of his trainees, and not from a deep-seated meanness within this individual's temperament.

### —King Kong Lives: 0 STARS

The ads for this totally gratuitous and disastrous sequel to the equally disastrous 1976 remake of *King Kong* state the following: "America's biggest hero is back...and he is not happy."

And, because of Kong's ill-fated return, I am not happy, either.

### —No Mercy: 1½ STARS

This boring crime drama deals with a maverick Chicago detective (Richard Gere) who travels to New Orleans in order to search for the sadistic mobster (Jeroen Krabbe) who brutally murdered his partner. In the course of his investigation, the cop meets up with and falls in love with a young Cajun woman (Kim Basinger) who happens to be the killer's mistress.

Gere (*Power*) and Basinger (*9½ Weeks*) give

credible performances and are able to bring their one-dimensional and thankless roles to life, but their commendable acting is not able to infuse the story with enough dramatic tension to offset this vapid film's implausible plot developments and unappealing characters.

### —The Three Amigos!: 2 STARS

A mildly amusing slapstick comedy in which Chevy Chase, Steve Martin, and Martin Short portray silent-screen movie stars who have made a number of two-reel Westerns as "The Three Amigos," a trio of noble, gunfighting caballeros.

When they eventually find themselves out of work in Hollywood, these on-screen heroes decide to bring their characters to life by actually defending a small Mexican village from a band of murderous desperados.

*The Three Amigos!* provides some moments of unbridled hilarity. Not only do Chase (*Spies Like Us*), Martin (*All of Me*), and Short (*Saturday Night Live*) deliver good performances as a well-coordinated ensemble, but the picture itself parodies the Western genre with the sort of outlandish but uproarious physical humor which Mel Brooks utilized to great effect in his now-classic comedy, *Blazing Saddles*.

Unfortunately, *The Three Amigos!* does not come off as a classic comedy in its own right. Under John Landis' (*Spies Like Us*) slack direction, the movie progresses at an incredibly slow pace, and this most conspicuous flaw weakens both the story's inherent excitement and the dynamic nature of the farcical humor.

### \*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—The Golden Child: Rated PG-13 for some profanity, violence, and mildly mature situations.

—Heartbreak Ridge: Rated R for extremely strong language, violence, and adult themes.

—King Kong Lives: Rated PG-13 for some intense violence.

—No Mercy: Rated R for violence, profanity, and suggestive situations.

—The Three Amigos!: Rated PG for mild violence.

## Science Museum To Sponsor Family Bus Trip To New York

The Springfield Science Museum is sponsoring a family bus trip to the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, Saturday, January 10th.

The American Museum offers a spectacular mineral and gem display, one of the most comprehensive dinosaur exhibits in the world, a life-sized replica of a blue whale, and dozens of other exhibit halls. There is also a large planetarium and a four-story-high Nature Max theater. The museum offers guided tours throughout the day, and lunch is available in the cafeteria or the lovely new American Museum Restaurant.

The bus will leave the Edwards Street parking lot at the Quadrangle at 7:00 a.m., and arrives back in Springfield at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost of the trip

is \$24 for adults and \$20 for children, 12 and under. The price includes the bus fare and admission to the museum. Reservations must be made by December 31st. Contact Sara Orr at the museum, 733-1194.

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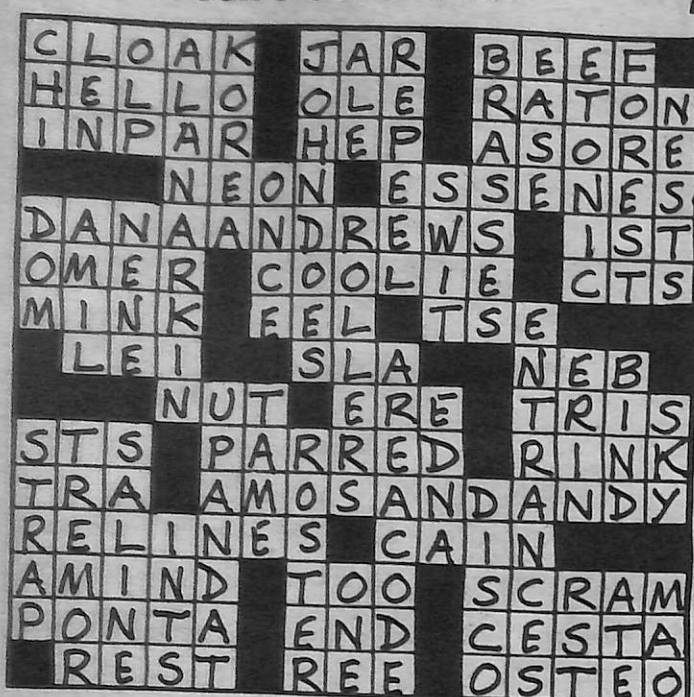
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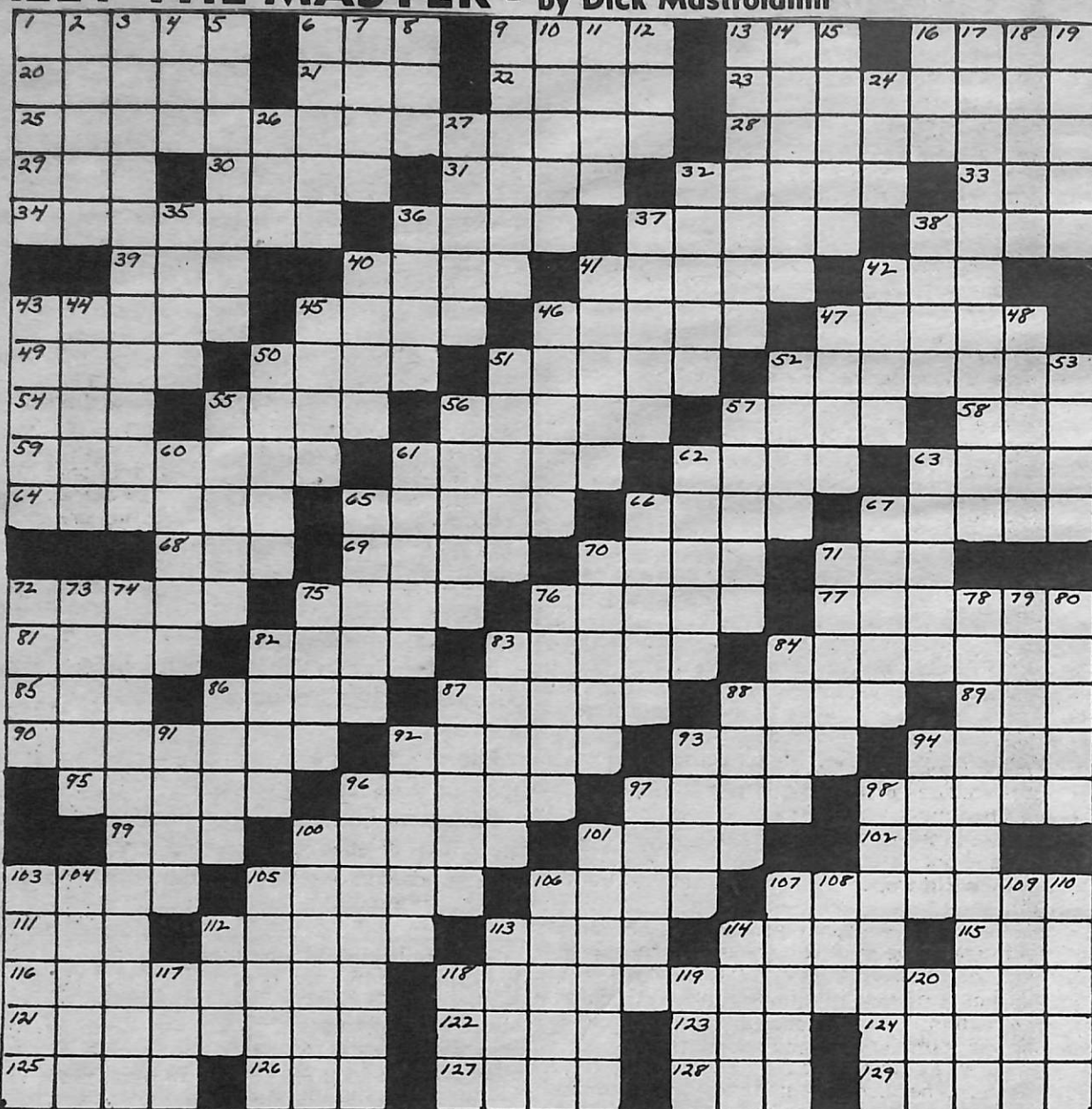
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- 71 Chalice veil
- 72 American inventor
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- 76 Gads around
- 77 Hair nets
- 81 Spanish court painter
- 82 Merge together
- 83 Goofs up
- 84 Chic young creation
- 85 Season on the Somme
- 86 "How do I love--?"
- 87 Fairway cries
- 88 Boring one
- 89 Lair
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- 92 Used a rasp
- 93 After high or low
- 94 Estimates--abbr.
- 95 Irish surname
- 96 -- off (repels)
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- 98 Shame
- 99 Knock sharply
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- 105 Showed concern
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- 111 Word before can
- 112 --down (loses weight)
- 113 Elephant's cry
- 114 Singe
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- 118 Bleachers
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- 128 Watering hole
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- 2 Love deeply
- 3 Food or drink
- 4 Sprite
- 5 Intensifies
- 6 Race tracks
- 7 Rural road

# MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



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- 10 Former Red Sox pitching great
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- 12 Attention-getting sound
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- 19 Jason's Ship and others
- 25 Est.
- 26 Auricle
- 27 Gear parts
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- 35 Service costs
- 36 Religious service
- 37 Humming sounds
- 38 Fit of anger
- 40 Humble
- 41 A frog gives them?
- 42 Grass
- 43 Wonderland name
- 44 Gallery
- 45 Place to shop
- 46 "--me" (lamentation)
- 47 Wagers
- 48 This makes "waste"

- 50 Rectory
- 51 "--you love?"
- 52 Word with lease
- 53 Game fish
- 55 Lighthearted
- 56 Fawn
- 57 Niagara for one
- 60 Founder of Frisco
- 61 Eerie
- 62 "--the bill." (Treats)
- 63 Hammering Hank
- 65 Orca
- 66 Thwarts
- 67 Spanish gent
- 70 "--out"
- 71 "--as a snake's belly
- 72 Grew old
- 73 Cast a ballot

- 74 Biblical vengeance
- 75 Tare
- 76 Ride costs
- 78 Left-overs?
- 79 Weight-loss programs
- 80 Feel
- 82 Who knows where or--
- 83 Drapes
- 84 Benefit
- 86 Ensnare
- 87 Punished, in a way
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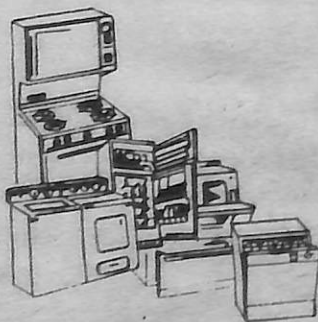
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## Big Y Holiday Recipes

### Crispy Spice Cookies

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3 cups sifted flour  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 cup (2 sticks) margarine  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup KARO Dark Corn Syrup

Sift together first four ingredients. Mix together margarine and sugar; stir in corn syrup. Gradually add flour mixture, mixing until well blended. Roll dough on floured surface to about 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 350° oven about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Decorate. Makes about 8 dozen 2-inch cookies.

### Crispix Chocolate Drops

children might like to make these\*

1 package (12 ounce, 2 cups) butterscotch morsels  
1 package (6 ounce, 1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels (amounts of morsels may be reversed—or use equal amounts if you prefer)  
1½ cups salted peanuts—(or substitute part raisins if desired)

4 cups Kellogg's Crispix cereal

Combine morsels in large saucepan. Stir constantly over very low heat until smooth. Remove from heat. Add peanuts and cereal. Stir gently until well coated. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper or cold cookie sheets. Chill until firm. Yield: 8 dozen.

\*help with using stove necessary for young children.

### Krispie Date Bars

no sugar added

1 Tablespoon butter or margarine  
32 chopped pitted dates  
1¼ cups Rice Krispies  
about 12 walnut halves, chopped

In saucepan, simmer butter and dates. Keep covered and cook until soft (about 15 minutes). Beat in a small bowl, until smooth. Cool. Add Krispies and nuts. Pack in small pan and cut into 16 squares. Chill and store in refrigerator. Approximate exchange for diabetics: 1 square equals 1 fruit, 1/10 bread and ¼ fat.

### Mini Fruitcakes

2 pounds mixed candied fruit, finely chopped  
1 pound pitted dates, finely chopped  
1 pound pecans, finely chopped  
2 cups unsifted flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
4 eggs

## Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante  
Fugazy Travel



Webster's definition of **Fantasy** is: "imagination or fancy; esp., wild, visionary fancy."

During this holiday season, here are some of the travel fantasies that people have told me they would like to receive as gifts...

**Danielle:** A trip to Tahiti, only because it's so far...

**Lori:** A second vote for Tahiti—she has a vision of Tahiti, being a perfect spot for a vacation...

**Sandy:** A trip to China to see the culture and "The Great Wall..."

**Brenda:** Doesn't think she'll ever get there, but would like to go to Japan to see the scenery...

**Ellen:** She'd be awestruck standing at the base of a glacier in Alaska...

**Barbara:** To be with her husband at a luxury villa in the Caribbean, complete with private swimming pool, butler, and maid...

**Mary:** To have enough money and courage

¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar  
½ cup Karo dark corn syrup

¼ cup corn oil

Mixed candied fruit

Easy Glaze (recipe follows)

Grease and flour 36 medium muffin cups. In large mixing bowl stir together fruit, dates and nuts. In separate bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl with mixer at medium speed beat eggs until foamy. Add brown sugar, corn syrup and corn oil; beat until thoroughly mixed. Gradually add flour mixture beating until smooth. Pour batter over fruit mixture. Mix until fruit is thoroughly coated.

to take a course to overcome her fear of flying...

**Stanley:** Would like to be on a "Utopian" island with sunshine, white sandy beaches, blue skies—something out of Robinson Crusoe. Instead of "Friday," he'd like a real "Barbie" doll...

**Merle:** To take a flight on a piper cub...

**Lois:** To spend a month in Monte Carlo, with unlimited funds... (I like that one!)

**Lori:** To see Greece and the islands on her own yacht, with her own crew...

**John:** To be able to take a cruise once a month every month...

**Doris:** To spend a week as the guest of Adnan Khashoggi...

**Sue:** Also votes to spend a week on a private island with a butler and maid to cater to her every whim...

**Derek:** To take a ride with Santa in his sleigh...

**Mine:** My trip to Europe was as close as anyone can come to living out a "Fantasy Flight"—I'd have a difficult time trying to surpass that one. Something to dream about—a ride on the "Orient Express..."

**Best Wishes For A Happy Holiday Season And May All Your Travel Dreams Come True In 1987.** Give me a call at Fugazy Travel, 461 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, 732-3153... Maybe I can help you plan a "dream come true." "dream come true."

Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups filling cups almost full. Bake in 275°F oven 1 hour or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove and cool completely on wire rack. Wrap each cake tightly in plastic wrap. Store tightly covered at room temperature, or for easier slicing store in refrigerator. Using natural bristle brush, glaze top of fruitcake with Easy Glaze. Decorate with mixed candied fruit and brush Easy Glaze over fruit.

Note: Cake may also be baked in:

8 (1½ cup) crocks—1 hour 15 minutes  
9 (1½ cup) soup cans—1 hour 15 minutes

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# Schools

## A Christmas Carol Brought To Life By Robinson 4th Grade

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Dept. Editor

Charles Dickens' classic holiday story, *A Christmas Carol*, was brought to life by 48 fourth grade students at James Clark School, Wednesday, December 17th.

Under the direction of elementary music teacher Sylvia Starkie, cast and choral ensemble members performed a contemporary version of the well-known tale before an audience comprised of parents, relatives, teachers, and fellow schoolmates.

Also present were School Committee Chairwoman Jesse Fuller and member Ronald Watson.

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Dressed in mobcaps, shawls, bow ties, and other 18th century attire, cast members began the 40-minute musical production by singing "Spirits Gonna Get You."

Following the show's opening number, narrator Sara Suffriti recounted the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, who was visited by four ghosts on Christmas Eve.

Among the songs featured during the afternoon performance were "Take Us Back," "Holiday Hoedown," and "We Got Love."

Prior to the show's finale, Tiny Tim, who was played by Anthony Newman, urged audience members not to forget the true meaning of Christmas before declaring, "God Bless Us Everyone."

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Mrs. Starkie says her students have rehearsed twice a week, for the past six weeks, in preparation for their holiday performance.

She explains that the musical, which is only a year old, is designed for youngsters at the elementary level.

Mrs. Starkie says this year's fourth grade production is a change from her usual holiday program, which features each grade level in a concert setting.

"This year, the fourth graders at Clark School are outstandingly talented. Since they will attend middle school next year and will no longer be my pupils, I wanted to feature them in a holiday program. They're a super group of students and I hate to see them go," she states.

Cast members include Robert Parslow, Scrooge; Jamie Raynor, Bob Cratchit; Barbara Bitgood, Martha Cratchit; Christine Bousquet, Mrs. Cratchit; Derek Vrijenhoek, Jacob Marley; Ryan Willett, Nephew; Jeffrey Pavelczyk, Peter; Aaron Hill, Christmas Present; Shawn Beaudry, Christmas Future; and Elisha Cook, Christmas Past.

Also, Carmine Battista and Stephen Keene, Gentlemen; Scott Belisle, David Watson, and Brian DeNardo, Thieves; Lynn Carra, Lisa Fountaine, and Rebecca Nourse, Businesswomen; and Justin Crawford, Fezziwig.



**STUDENTS IN CLARK SCHOOL'S *A Christmas Carol*, back row, from left - Derek Vrijenhoek, Elisha Cook, Robert Parslow, Aaron Hill, Shawn Beaudry, and Jamie Raynor. Front row - Jeff Pavelczyk, Barbara Bitgood, Sara Suffriti, Tony Newman, Chrissy Bousquet, and Justin Crawford. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**THE ENTIRE CAST OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL staged at James Clark Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menus

**Monday, January 5th:** Homemade vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, ½ peanut butter sandwich, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, January 6th:** Oven baked chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, honey and mayonnaise, fresh apple, milk.

**Wednesday, January 7th:** Hamburg in buttered roll, steamed rice, mustard, relish, catsup, buttered diced carrots, applesauce, blueberry cake with icing, milk.

**Thursday, January 8th:** Meatballs in sauce, buttered macaroni, creamy cole slaw, applesauce or peanut butter cookies, milk.

**Friday, January 9th:** ½ tuna salad sandwich, ½ peanut butter sandwich, tossed garden salad with dressing, oven french fries, catsup, fig bars, milk.

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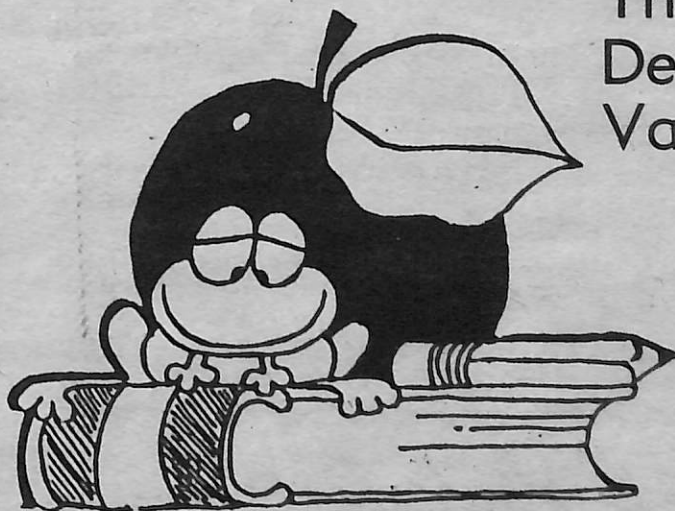
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## GOOD ART AT PHELPS...



**AAN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EDITOR Alexis Ferioli** noted that we were remiss in not running this picture of Phelps' School students, from left - Eric Stone, Eric Scott, Theresa Shackford, and Shelby Labbe, with a story she did on a Thanksgiving project at the school several weeks ago. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Deborah Sambrook Member Of Westfield State Swimming

Deborah Sambrook is a member of the 1986-87 Westfield State College Women's Swimming team. Coached by David Laing, who enters his fifth year, the Owls posted a 2-4 record in 1985-86.

The Owls, who opened their season on November 15th against SE Massachusetts, will have a competitive eight meet schedule. Opponents on the

1986-87 schedule include WPI, Mt. Holyoke, Connecticut College, Bentley, and Salem State.

Miss Sambrook, a graduate of Agawam High School and a senior psychology major at Westfield State, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sambrook of 99 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills.

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**AGAWAM UNICO'S Mental Health Committee Chairman, Fred Montesi**, presents a check to **Pat Sakellis**, assistant Special Education director for the Agawam Public Schools, while **John Brosnan**, director, looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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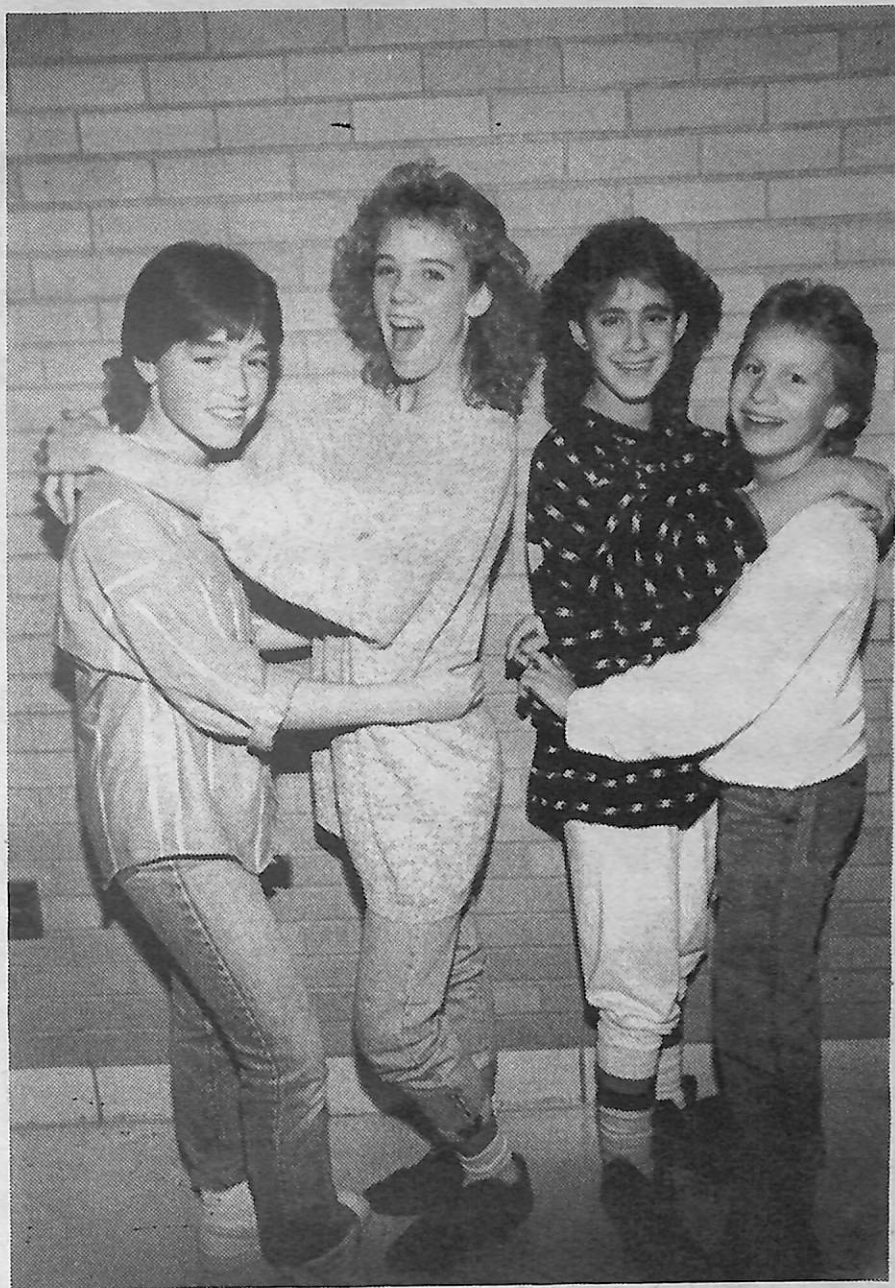
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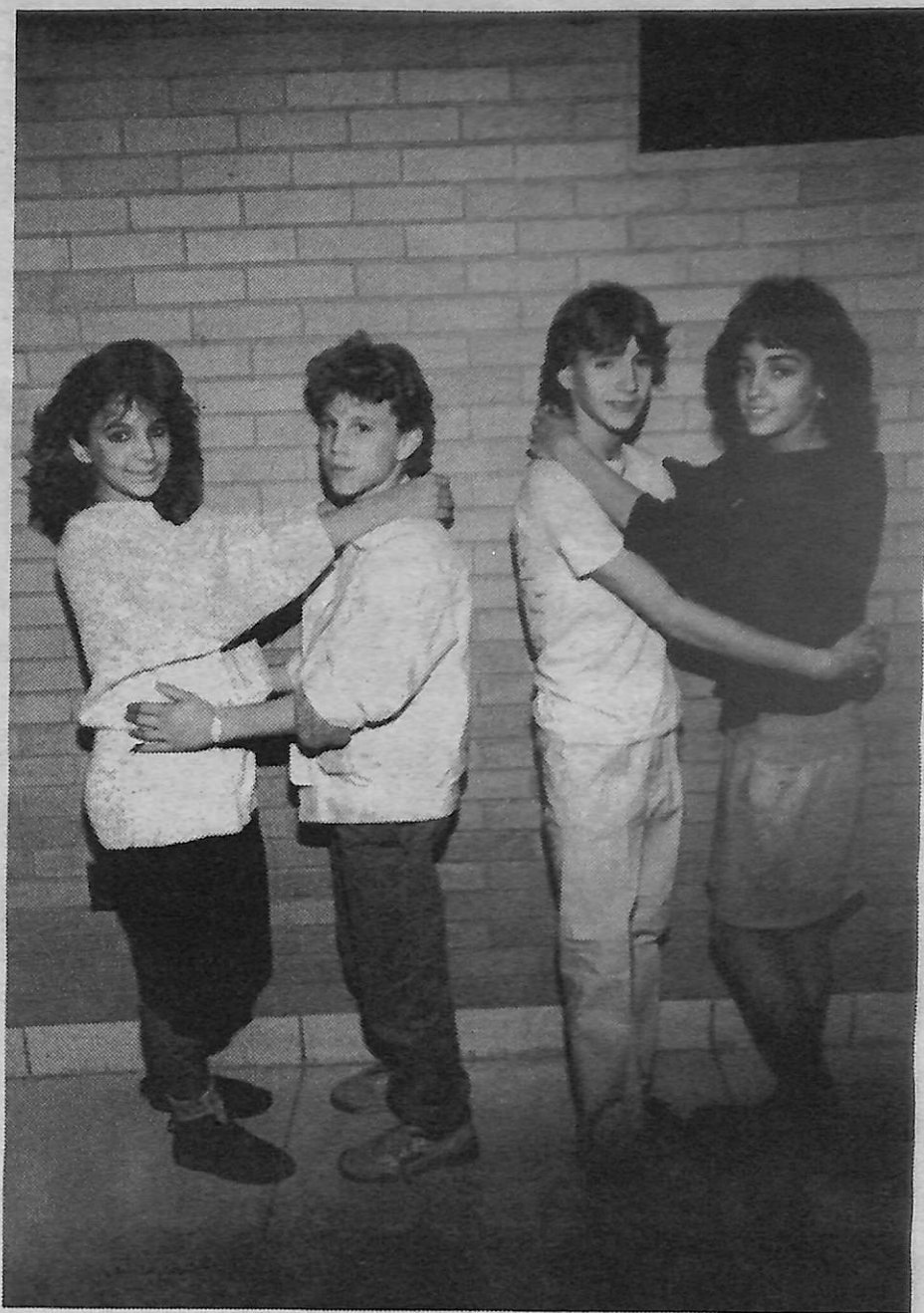
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## PTO Sponsors Dance At Middle School



AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO sponsored a dance for students, Friday, December 12th. In photo above, Billy Pisano and Erica Vanderhoof, and Jen Lomelino and Nathan Wood pose for a Jack Devine photo.



KIM ROSCOE and JOE VICK and ROBERT MARTIN and GINA MILILLO attended the PTO-sponsored school dance at the Agawam Middle School, Friday, December 12th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Winter Safety Topic Of School Program By Sgt. Longhi

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Dept. Editor

Winter safety was the topic of two filmstrips viewed by students in grades kindergarten to five at each of the town's four elementary schools during the week of December 15th to 19th.

Presented by Agawam Police Safety Officer Sergeant Al Longhi, the annual program emphasized safety rules children easily forget when playing in snow.

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"Safe In Snow," a 15-minute filmstrip viewed by students in grades kindergarten to two, cautioned youngsters to use common sense when walking or playing outside during the winter.

Some of the film's more important rules included walk in an orderly, single file on the left side of the road when sidewalks are not available; watch for driveways hidden by high snowbanks; never slide or play on snowbanks near the street; and never throw snowballs at people or vehicles.

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Students in grades three to five viewed the film, "Sam, On Winter Safety," which is produced by the Officers for the Province of Canada.

Besides the above safety rules, the more sophisticated film related a variety of winter dangers.

Hosted by the Ontario Provincial Police mascot, "Sam the Safety Duck," the 20-minute film discussed the dangers of snowmobiling, tobogganing, skiing, ice skating, playing street hockey, and cross country skiing.

Moreover, the importance of wearing warm, light-colored clothing, especially at night, was reviewed.

Also, students were shown how to rescue someone who has fallen through thin ice, as well as how to prevent resulting hypothermia.

Finding downed power lines after a storm and wearing long scarfs around machinery were two other dangers audience members were made aware of.

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Following both films, Sgt. Longhi conducted a question and answer session concerning winter safety rules.

SEE SAFETY - Page 38...

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS Granger School - Grade 2

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and your wife Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I'm doing very well in school. Can you please bring me a Get in Shape Girl for Christmas? I will leave you milk and some gingerbears that I make every year. How are Rudolph and the other raindeers? Is Rudolph going to lead the sleigh on Christmas Eve?

Love, Amy Bronson

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph? Is he ready for the big night? Is there snow at the North Pole? Is it cold there Santa? I want a My little Poneys and a Corn Silk Hair Cabbage Patch Kid and an organ. I love you so much because you are so nice to people and also nice to me.

Yours truly, Laura Cincotta

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you feeling? I hope that Rudolph is all redey. Please may I have a Walkman? I have ben a good girl this yere. I hope that you are all fattened up. I hope that Mrs. Claus is good. I am going to leve you sum-cukkeys and milk sinse you like them. I hope that you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Megan Berry

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph doing. I hope he is doing good. How are you doing? Is the North pole doing good? I like Christmas a lot becuse you come to my house. I wold like a big Legos for Christmas.

Love, Keith Benton

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I'm fine. Christmas is near! I hope you have a happy New years day! I'm going to give you some cookies. Plesse may I have a toy that I

will like a lot? How is Rudolph? I hope Rudolph is fine, I hope he is not sick. I'm very happy to be in the Christmas sperit!

Love, Julie Skiba

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are your reindeer? How is your wife? This is what I want for Christmas, Mouse Trap, a new typewriter. A mini calculator. Roaring valley lines train set. A new box of 64 crayons. Metroplex and a new stapler.

Sincerely, Matthew Feato

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Santa is it cold in the North Poel? Santa this is what I want for Christmas. I want a Poundpuppy and Bredalls and a renkgl. Santa, how is Mis. Claus?

Love, Ann Marie Bianca

Dear Santa,

May I please have an ATC with automattick shift and a revrse Big Red? How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? May I have a new bike? May I please have a Dirt bike? May I please have a ATV? May I pleas have a color TV with a didgitle clock and rado am fm? I've been good so I can get alot of things.

Love, Edward Cecchi



Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph. Wut I wod like for Christmas is a stachu whith a brass stand and a golden egal stachu. And a wach and a telascop and a lion stachu and a gifih stachu and a Unicon stachu and a pegisis stachu.

Your frend, Dan Dialessi

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I will leave you cookies. I hope you like them. I want a turbo hopper and lots of other things. I have been good all year. Bring something for my bruther. I wonder how you get down the chimneys. How are your Randrs doing? Is Rudolph rede to go? I hope you have a good Christmas day.

Your friend, Adam Kimball

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I'm doing fine. May I have Mop-top this Christmas and a big Pound Puppy and a tea set too? How are Rudolph and Dancer and Vicksin? I'll leave you some milk and leave carrots for your raindears.

Love, Katie Pirog



## The Mystery Sweaters... Granger Elementary School

NATALIE CREANZA

Once upon a time a little troll was in his cave and he had a idea. He thought of making tiny sweaters for Granger School. The troll got red and green string to make the sweaters and other designs. He knitted almost everyday for three hours.

Then when nobody was at Granger School, he sneaked in and put all the tiny sweaters on a bulletin board. The next day at Granger School all the children saw the tiny sweaters, and they asked, "Who could have made those sweaters?"

The troll popped out of his hiding place and said, "I did."

They were scared of him and said, "Those are the nicest sweaters we ever saw."

The troll said, "Thank you," and they all became good friends.

They all went back to the troll's cave, and the troll taught them to knit. The children made just the same things the troll did.

P.S. Hope you have a happy and warm Christmas.

MICHAEL K. ROSE

One night after school I was going to find out about the small red sweaters. I put myself in a box and waited for something to happen. Something did, I was being carried to the attic. (I hear it's very dark there, I hate the dark!) I had to get out, so I punched a hole through the bottom. I stuck my feet through, and ran, but Gene the man who was carrying me ran after me until I reached the basement.

I found myself with Mrs. Malakoseci, Mrs. Barnes, all the teachers, 20 P.T.O. moms, including my parents, and Mr. Loomis who was watching them make small red sweaters that fit cats.

5 P.T.O. moms were collecting sweaters to build the tree and 5 more were connecting them to build the tree about the size of 3 kids on each others shoulders. It was growing bigger each minute.

TARA MARSHALL

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived little men and little women. They were happy little people, and always wore red and green sweaters. Children went to school, and played, while grown-ups worked.

But one day something terrible happened. An earthquake shook the land, and the people were swallowed up and never seen again. All that was left were the sweaters.

When Granger School was built, the principal, Mr. Loomis, found the sweaters. They were hung up on a bulletin board (because they had Christmas trees on them) every Christmas.

SEE KIDS' KORNER - Page 35...

## Attend Sunday Services December 28

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**KIDS' KORNER - From Page 34...****JOE CECCHETELLI**

Once upon a time, there was a little field mouse that lived outside Granger School. He worked out every day lifting acorns as weights. Every day he got so heated up he would take off his sweater and throw it out the door. When the teachers came out they would pick it up and make a collection. After thirty-three days they collected thirty three sweaters. So they decided to hang them on the wall.

That's why they are on the Granger School wall today.

**LISA MAGNACCA**

Once upon a time there were little people making small red and green sweaters. They were putting them in a Christmas tree shape. Then they piled them up and went outside to find a place to hang them. They went past many houses and schools but none of them were right for the sweaters.

They walked past Granger School. They went inside and hung up the red and green sweaters on the bulletin board. Then they went back to their houses.

The next day at school there were the red and green sweaters on the bulletin board. All the kids gathered around and looked at them. They were happy that they were at their school.

**MICHAEL FORTIER**

Once upon a time on Christmas Eve, 33 elves fell out of Santa's sleigh. They walked miles and miles trying to find Santa's work shop. They finally came to a building called Granger School. Mr. Loomis told the elves to come out of the snow. He told them to hang their sweaters on the bulletin board until they were dried. When the sweaters and the elves were dry Mr. Loomis had a bus driver to Santa's work shop.

**NICHOLAS BOISVERT**

Once upon a time Steven, my partner, and I went to get a drink. We saw little sweaters on the bulletin board in a triangle shape. Suddenly, mice started scattering across the floor like water.

We checked with all the people in the school. "Let's face it! We'll never find where the sweaters came from."

We both walked down the hall until we saw Santa Claus flying around. He had put more sweaters on the bulletin board. He said Merry Christmas to us and then disappeared. Then we heard sleigh bells ringing.

**LINDSAY LOOMIS**

Once upon a time there was this little old lady that did not know what to give her grandchildren for Christmas. Then she thought of something to give them, Christmas sweaters! They then could be red with little Christmas trees. Yah! That's it. So, she started to make them. Then it was Christmas morning and the grandchildren loved the sweaters.

**SAMANTHA GATTS**

Once upon a time when I went to school at Granger. I walked up the stairs. On the left handed side I saw a bulletin board it was decorated with knitted sweaters. They were pretty. They were green, and red. It looked like a little barbie sweater. When I walk in my class I saw little sweaters everywhere. I was shocked. All of the kids were jumping around. My teacher Mrs. De was knitting little sweaters. I took my coat off, and I sat down. There was no morning work. I was happy. On the board it said, "Play all you want." Then I saw someone come in. It was Santa Claus. He said that his wife Mrs. Claus made the little sweaters. He brought us presents and candy canes.

**ERIN O'NELL**

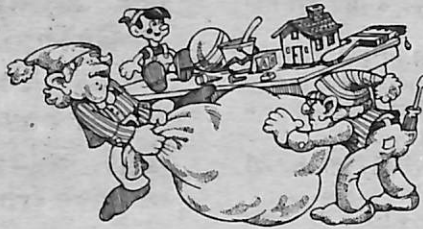
Once upon a time I was walking through Granger School when I saw a rat take a little sweater off the top of a Christmas Tree. Then I saw him put the sweater on. I went over to see what else he would do, but he got frightened and ran away.

So I tried to follow him but suddenly he ran in a classroom. Then I saw him run to a little desk and take out a math book. When the teacher wasn't looking the rat took off the sweater and put it in his desk. When school got out I went in the room and picked up the tiny desk and took it home.

The next day when the rat went in the room he couldn't find his desk. He went to the teacher and she stepped on him. I took out the little sweater and put it back on top of the Christmas tree.

**LISA ANNE PAROLO**

Once upon a time when the elves were little they came to Granger School. For morning work each little elf copied math, spelling, and language off of the board.



One morning instead of doing morning work they did art. Everybody made a Santa face. Then on Christmas Eve they had art. This time everyone made a little sweater. Now in December, every child looks out on the bulletin board and sees a Christmas tree made of the little sweaters the elves made.

**JOEY ALBANO**

Once upon a time there was a factory in New York. They had a big machine. It made little things. So one day Granger School called them. They asked them if they could make 33 small sweaters. "Yes we can," said the men. The men made the 33 sweaters. They couldn't bring the sweaters over because there was 2 feet of snow. So they went to the airport and went on the airplane and brought them.

**LAURA RAPA**

Once upon a time there were little sweaters in Granger School they were so little they didn't fit a barbie doll. They came from little tiny elves. The elves wanted to send the little tiny sweaters to the good will but the mail got mixed up. The little tiny sweaters went to Massachusetts and they went to Granger School. That's how they got there.

**DAVID MASON**

Once upon a time sweaters flew in by themselves. They were sticking on the bulletin board. They flew in from Egypt. On Christmas they stuck all together and formed a big Christmas tree. The Jewish families threw them out the window on Hanukkah. That is how they got to Egypt. There was a big storm in Egypt so the storm blew them away. And that's how they flew to Granger school.

**ERICA PRATT**

Once upon a time in a far away village there lived a little man like the size of a barbie doll. He made little sweaters every Christmas. They had little Christmas trees on them. He brought them to Granger one night and nailed them to a bulletin board and went home to make more.

**ANTHONY MAZZA**

Once upon a time there was a factory that made these little sweaters and they wanted someone to buy some. So the people from Granger School came and bought 33 of them for \$3.45. They hung them on the bulletin board and it looked nice.

**STEPHEN BENNETT**

Once upon a time Clifford M. Granger had a bulletin board. No one knew what it was for.

The next day they had sweaters in the form of a Christmas tree on the bulletin board.

At lunchtime everyone was talking about it and asking questions.

I asked the nurse. She said, "Jack Frost put the tiny sweaters there to remind you to keep warm."

**KELLY SHAW**

Once upon a time in Granger School, something strange was going on inside. Everywhere you looked there were Christmas decorations! You might wonder about something.

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# Season's Greetings



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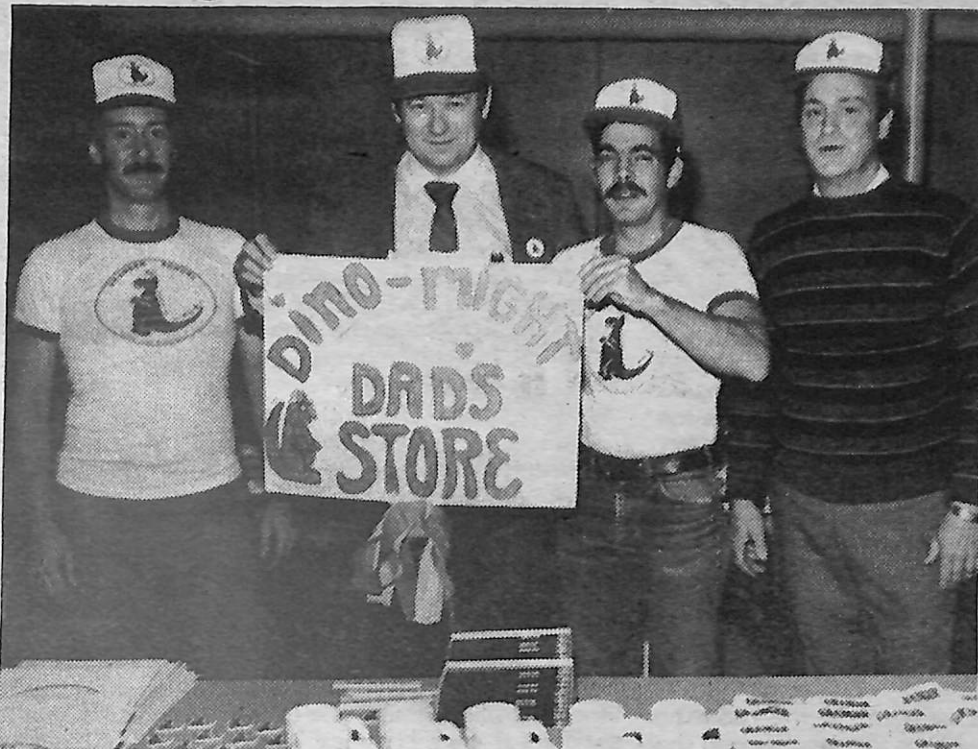
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## Granger School's "Dad's Store"



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### KIDS' KORNER - From Page 35...

You might wonder how small sweaters got on the bulletin board! Well, here is how.

There was once a little elf and some of his friends. Every night they would get out of their beds and get to work on some sweaters and hang them on the bulletin board in the shape of a Christmas tree.

Next they put up some ornaments so the tree would look pretty.

The first elf would tell the other elves why they were doing this.

Here is what he said, "We are doing this because we want to decorate the school."

#### MATTHEW GORDON

Once upon a time all the little dolls in America came alive.

All the boy dolls started looking for old pieces of cloth, while the girl dolls were looking for needles.

When everyone found what they needed, the girl and boy dolls thought of making Christmas clothing. So off they went to work.

When they were finished, the dolls sneaked into Granger School and stuck the sweaters to the board upstairs in the hall.

## Clark School Writes About Xmas



AT JAMES CLARK SCHOOL, the class of Bev DeGeorge & Angela Corde participated in our popular "Kids Korner" last week on the theme "I like Christmas Because..." Naturally, most of the kids said they enjoy Christmas because of the presents they receive from Santa Claus. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Art Of Suzanne Molleur At First Church Gallery

Portraits and paintings by Suzanne Marie Molleur will be displayed at the First Church Gallery, Court Square, Springfield, from January 2nd to February 24th. An opening reception for the public to meet the artist and have refreshments will be Friday, January 2nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Originally from Quincy, Mrs. Molleur has lived in Feeding Hills for the past seven years with her husband and three young children. She is mostly self-taught and has taken many courses at the George Waler Vincent Smith Art Museum at the Springfield Quadrangle.

Primarily working in oil, she also works in acrylic, ink, pastels, charcoal, pencial, and watercolor. She paints in her home every day. Fifty-two of her paintings will be exhibited.

Suzanne Marie Molleur has exhibited in Zone Gallery, Agawam Library, BayState West (with the Springfield Art League), Longmeadow Art Exhibit, Canadian Collection. Her paintings have been displayed in several local commercial establishments, including DaVinci's in Feeding Hills, Discount Furniture in West Springfield, Cavey's and Partners Restaurant, and Feeding Hills Country Kitchen.

First Church Gallery is open to the public, without admission charge, Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and evenings and weekends by appointment, 737-1411.

The entrance to the gallery is on the south side of First Church parish house facing the Hall of Justice. The entrance is accessible to the handicapped.

### SAFETY PROGRAM - From Page 32...

The veteran safety officer told students that a few years ago, an elementary school student almost lost her eye due to being hit by a snowball during recess.

Therefore, he urged youngsters to refrain from throwing snowballs, which he describes as "missiles," containing bits of ice and sand.

Sgt. Longhi also related how a local boy, walking to school, climbed a roadside snowbank which collapsed, causing him to roll under the wheels of an approaching truck.

"Winter, like any other season of the year, has its particular dangers. Youngsters need to learn these dangers so that they may be avoided. The first time safety is forgotten is the time someone becomes hurt," remarks Sgt. Longhi.

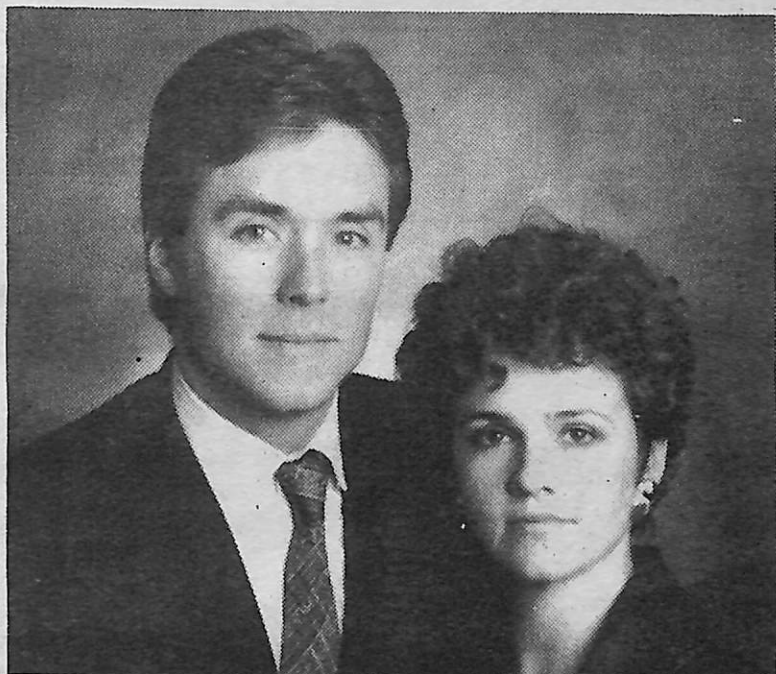
## Christmas Play At Granger School...



**GRANGER SCHOOL CHILDREN** put on a special Christmas play, Friday, December 19th, featuring Santa Claus, mice, and wooden soliders, for parents and classmates. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Elementary Band In Concert...



ELEMENTARY BAND DIRECTOR SALLY LOWELL (center) directs the Robinson Park School Elementary Band in holiday selections, Friday, December 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Brownie Troop 544 At Heritage



MEMBERS OF BROWNIE TROOP 544, James Clark School, brought their holiday cheer to Heritage Hall Nursing Home last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Lions Club Cub Scouts Program



PACK 89 CUB SCOUTS, sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club, presented a holiday program at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Cubmaster is Miguel Hollander, and Debbie Nolin is chairwoman. Front row - Jeffrey Nolin, Zachary Moneimeh, Christian Debonville, Jordan Page, Jimmy Arenstam, and Dave Binder. Second row - Brandon Moore, Brian Colby, Scott Gonyer, Eric Binder, and Mathew Davignon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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4 YEAR-OLD KERRY ANN MCGEOGHAN and 5 month-old Joseph Andrew B'Shara listen as St. Nick tells them how important it is to be nice, and naughty. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE NEW NURSERY SCHOOL at Perry Lane Park, Santa, who had just arrived by helicopter, cuddles with Katie & Derrick Turnbull, Sunday, December 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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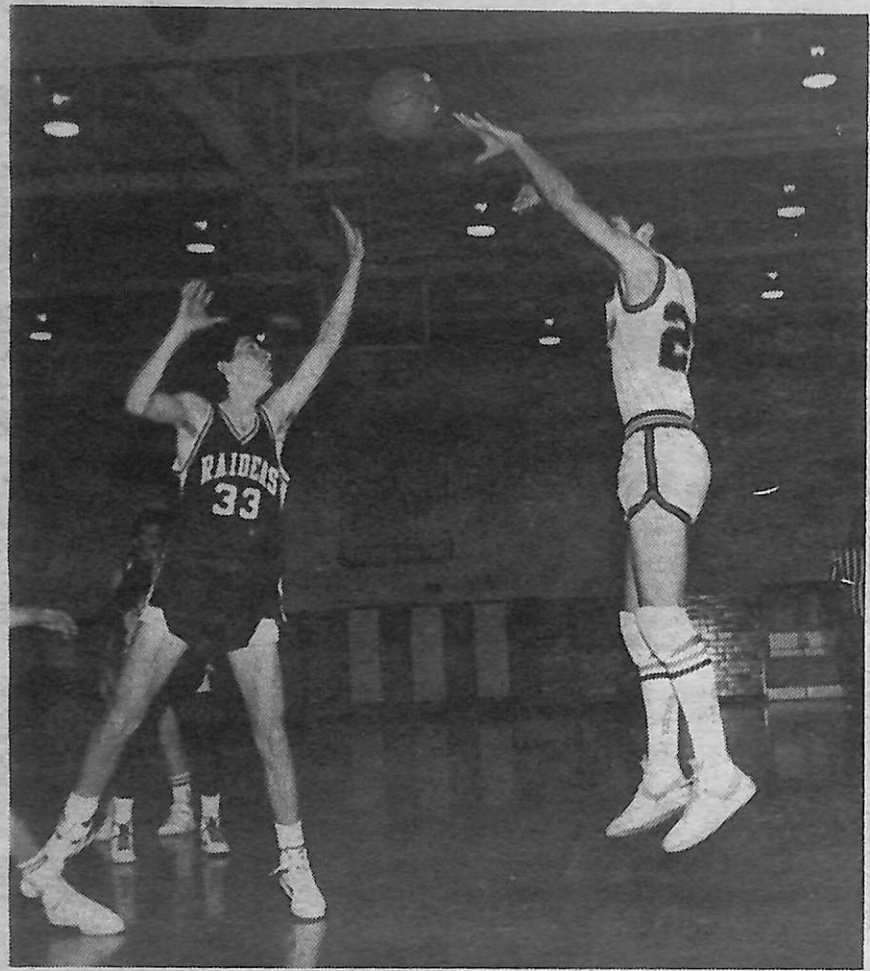
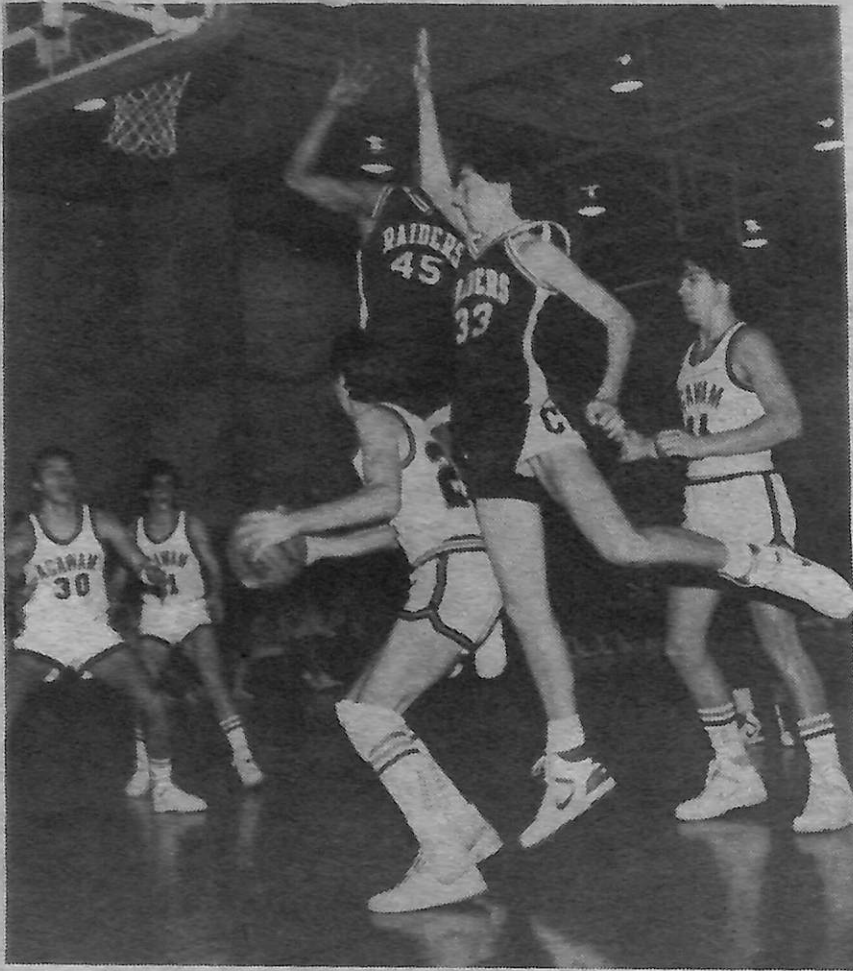
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# Sports



**THE ACTION WAS HOT AND HEAVY** under the backboards as the Agawam Brownies staged a big third quarter rally before holding off Commerce, 69-65 before a howling crowd at the AHS gym, Friday, December 19th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Vandergrift's 24 Help Brownies Upset Commerce

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Senior center Rob Vandergrift scored 24 points and the Brownies held-off a late Commerce High rally in a 69-65 defeat of the Red Raiders, Friday, December 19th, at the noisy AHS gym.

It was the first time the locals have beaten the Springfield school in over 20 years. Ironically, the victory comes under second-year coach Mike Martin, who coached Commerce during their dynasty days of dominating Western Mass. schoolboy hoop.

The Brownies opened this game with a quick, 6-0 burst, but it didn't take Commerce long to settle down and get back. They began to run-and-gun the locals into the ground with a barrage of fast break hoops. With a minute left in the opening quarter, it was 20-10, Commerce.

As the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter, the visitors scored another fast break bucket for a 24-11 lead, and things didn't look promising for the

Brownies. They were turning the ball over and were consistently being beaten in the transition game.

The second quarter started with both teams filling the hole, but the locals still trailed, 36-22 midway through the quarter.

The locals then staged an important spurt that changed the entire game. With aggressive defense and the scoring of Vandergrift, the locals reeled-off the quarter's last 10 points, and trailed by just 36-32 at the intermission.

Vandergrift was a force inside, scoring 14 points by the half, while juniors Chris Ollari and Jeff Peterson scored 6 each. Mike DiLullo had the only other Brownies hoop of the first two quarters.

Concerning the first half, Martin told us, "They (Commerce) were much quicker than I had anticipated. Plus, we got off to a sluggish start. I also switched to a 2-3 zone and it proved to be very effective. The guys

got into an offensive groove and slowly started to get back into the game."

Commerce netted the first two hoops of the third quarter for a 40-32 lead, but the Brownies battled right back, outscoring the visitors on a 9-2 run on Vandergrift's layup midway through the period. In the next two minutes, the Brownies finally forged ahead.

Jim Lockwood made a steal and drove coast-to-coast for a nice layup to give the Brownies their first lead of the game since the opening minutes, 45-44. Lockwood then nailed a 12-foot jumper seconds later to make it 47-44 as Commerce was forced to call a timeout as the AHS gym rocked in approval.

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## Brownie Hockey Takes W Side, Bows To WF

by Michael S. Sardella

Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High School hockey team split its first two schoolboy games of the 1986-87 campaign, defeating West Springfield, 1-0, in the seasonal opener, and then dropping a 3-1 decision to a tough Westfield Bomber squad.

On Wednesday, December 17th, vs. West Side, the Brownies rode freshman Dan Asselin's second period goal to a 1-0 victory over their archrivals. Rick Parolo assisted in the game-winner for the Brownies.

The star of the night had to be Brownie netminder David Laudato, who turned aside 22 Terrier shots and was flawless the entire game. Without him, it would have been a long night for Agawam.

"This was a real up and down game," said second-year coach Len Bruso. "David (Laudato) was just outstanding in goal for us, and Asselin's was a nice way for him to start the season."

Dennis Punch, Steve Silva, and Jim Laudato all had strong performances for the Brownies in the season-opener.

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On Friday, December 19th, against Westfield, Agawam lost a 3-1 decision at the Coliseum in Berry Division action to even their record at 1-1. Despite the loss, Laudato again performed admirably in the nets.

After a scoreless first period, Westfield's Dan Levere put the Bombers on the board at 3:15 of the second stanza. The Brownies answered when junior Ricky Parolo got his first goal of the season at 7:27.

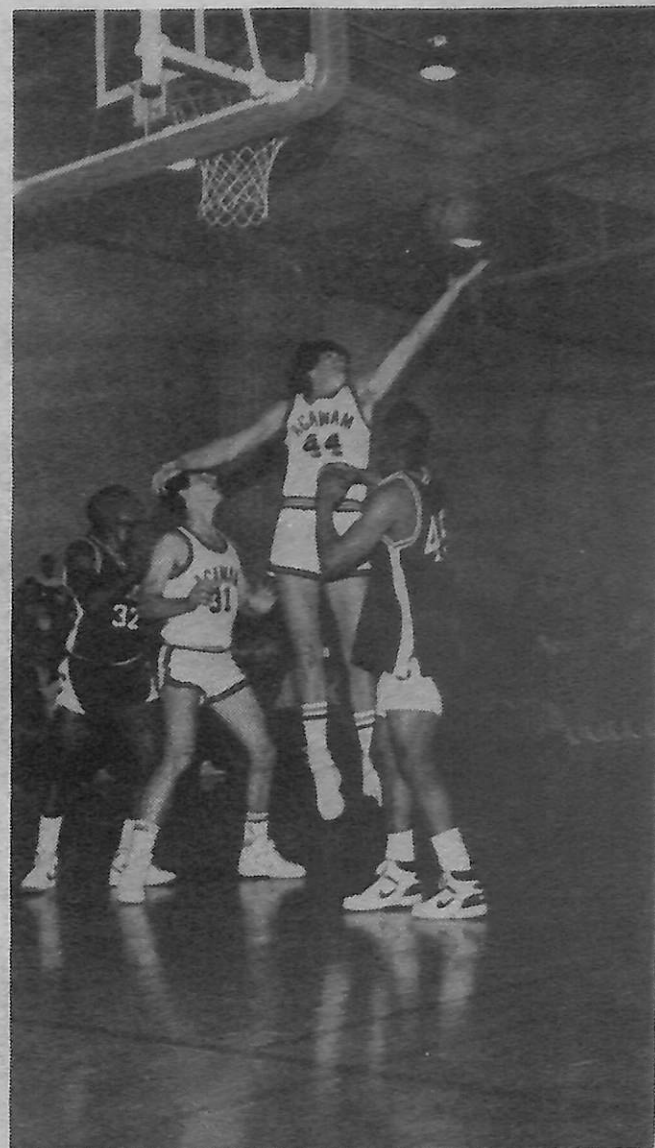
The remainder of the game featured fine goaltending by Laudato and Westfield's Dustin Cupak, who finished the game with 21 saves in the winning effort. The tie was dramatically broken in the final few minutes - unfortunately, it was the Bombers who had their hands raised in the air.

Jeff Collier beat Laudato with 5:33 left for the game-winner. Joe Artonellis then added an insurance goal only 36 seconds later to seal the 3-1 victory.

"We played a pretty solid game," said Bruso. "When it came down to the late stages, I really figured the next goal probably would determine the game. Unfortunately, it was not us who scored that goal."

Putting in good performances for the locals were Scott Pearson, Dennis Punch, Tony Young, and Parolo.

Next-up for the Brownies is Minnechaug, Tuesday, December 23rd, followed by Greenfield, Friday, December 26th (away). Speaking of the Minnechaug matchup, Bruso told us, "They (Minnechaug) look very strong and possess fine goaltending. We won't have an easy time of it at all."



AGAWAM HIGH BROWNIES BATTLE Commerce forwards for a rebound in first half action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

To say the least, this was a huge win for the locals. Martin has these guys believing in themselves and they are responding in big ways. The 2-0 locals again hurt the hardwood vs. Cathedral, before coming home to face Holyoke (December 29th), East Longmeadow (December 30th), and Putnam (January 2nd).

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The Brownies controlled the rest of the quarter. Ollari fed Eric Fogg for a layup on the last play, and suddenly, the Brownies led, 53-45. It was a lead they had worked hard for and deserved.

Sophomore John Serra was instrumental in helping the Brownies take control as he netted 10 points in the quarter.

The final stanza was an emotional barnburner. Commerce cut the lead to 54-51, but Vandergrift hit another layup that again put the Brownies up by eight with six minutes left.

DiLullo then made a superb feed to Vandergrift for another layup and the lead was now 10 (63-53 with under five minutes remaining). Commerce again wanted to talk things over, and this brought another loud ovation from the Brownie faithful.

After the timeout, Commerce's Edwin Zavala led a seven-point run to make it 63-60. Now, it was Agawam's time to talk as it began to feel this one might be slipping away.

Both teams traded hoops after the timeout, 65-62. After a foul shot and another Commerce bucket

(66-64), the Red Raiders made a huge steal with only 42 seconds left. They worked the clock to 17 seconds and then called time.

With a set play after the timeout, Commerce took the floor. But they never got a shot off. They turned the ball over on a looping pass and the Brownies had possession with only a few ticks left.

The Brownies passed the ball around before finding Fogg wide open for a buzzer-beating lay-up and the big victory as the crowd went wild.

"The first part of the season we're considered the underdogs, so wins like this are building the team's confidence," said a happy Martin. "I'm extremely happy for the kids because they worked very hard and pulled this one out."

There were many fine individual efforts for the Brownies. Vandergrift shined offensively and on the boards, 24 points/10 rebounds; Jeff Peterson, 11 points/11 rebounds; Ollari, 12 points; and Lockwood, 8 assists.

Rounding out the Agawam scoring was Serra, 10, Lockwood, 4, DiLullo, 4, and Fogg, 4. Commerce was led by Edwin Zavala, 24 points. Tony Motley had 13 and Tim Jackson added 12.

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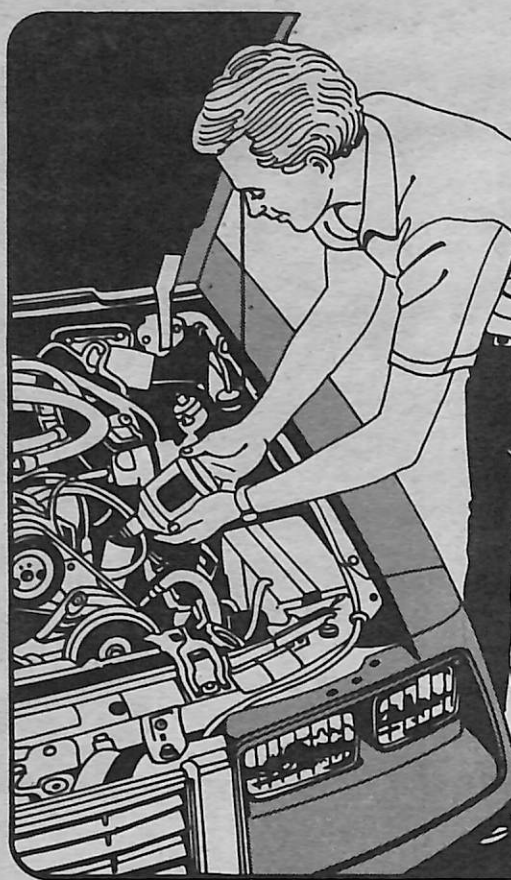
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# Brownies Destroy Ludlow Matmen; Own 2-0 Record

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

With five pins and two forfeits, the Agawam High School varsity wrestling team posted their second win of the season with a 57-3 thrashing over Ludlow, Saturday, December, at the AHS gym.

Ludlow was undermanned for the match as they had only 10 matmen for the outing against one of the region's premier teams.

"This was a nice win for us," said Brownie coach Phil Tomkiel, now in his 13th year. "I was happy to see the guys have an all-business attitude, even though we were heavy favorites. They were taking nothing for granted."

In the 100-pound class, the Brownies Mike Phelps disposed of Ludlow's John Pszeniczny in only 1:05 of the first period. Danny Felix followed Phelps' pin in the 107-pound division by pinning Ludlow's Ron Kraus at the 1:48 mark.

At 114-pounds, Jim Pirro scored a major decision of 10-0 over Dan Deponde, while Bob Dodge pinned Mark Garrity at 2:54 in the 121-pound class.

At 128 pounds, the Brownies suffered their only loss as Alan Boucher was defeated by Larry Abaid, 13-6. Boucher held a 6-4 lead in the late-going, but Abaid took control of the match in the last minute to record the win.

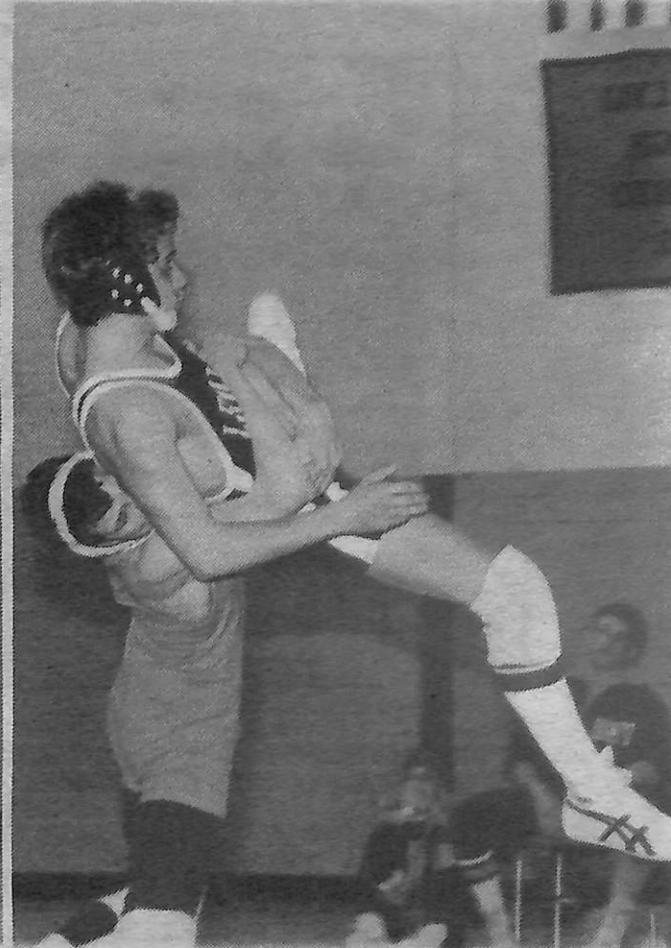
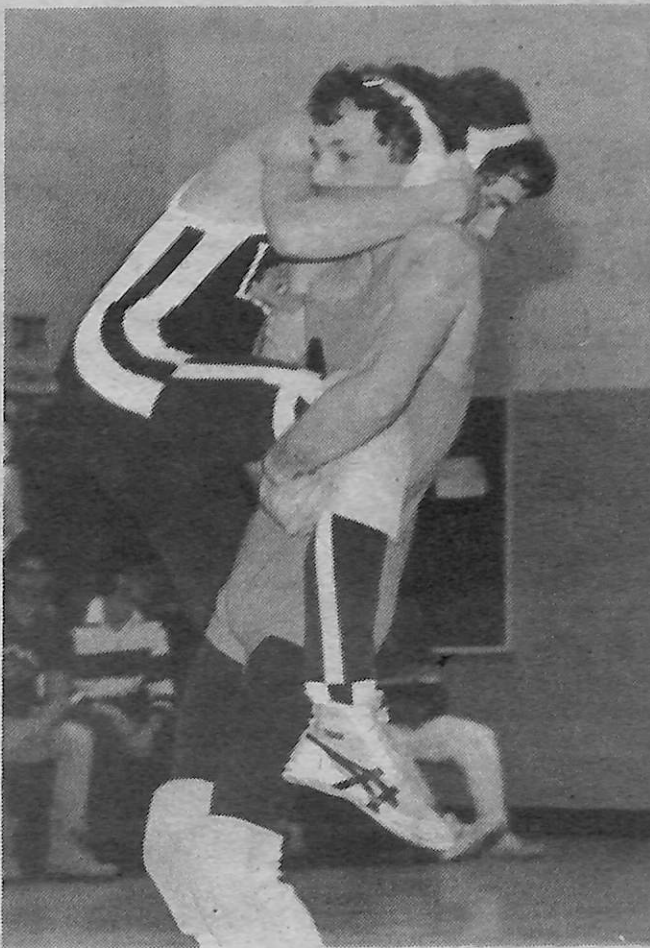
In the 134-pound class, Tom Cascio needed only 43 seconds to pin Kevin Cashman, while Jim Frasco recorded a 12-3 win over Dave Kornacki in the 140-pound class.

At 147, Gary Cerpovicz pulled-out his second consecutive last period win by defeating Bill Bouyea, 12-8. Cerpovicz and Bouyea were tied at 7-7 with only 25 seconds left, but with the help of Tomkiel's coaching, Cerpovicz made a fine move that gave him the needed points in the last few seconds for another gutty win.

In the 157-pound class, Tony Langone pinned Drew Loiselle at 1:51, and Tom King posted an impressive, 15-4 win over Lance Holman in the 169-pound class.

Agawam then received two forfeit wins in the remaining two matches - one at 187-pounds (Vinnie Pallotta) and the other in the heavyweight division (Bob Altobelli).

The Brownies are now 2-0 in Division I. Next up for the grapplers is a weak Southwick team, Tuesday, December 23rd, followed by the Christmas Tournament at AHS, Saturday, December 27th. This should be a severe test for the Brownies as the area's best will be coming to the AHS gym.

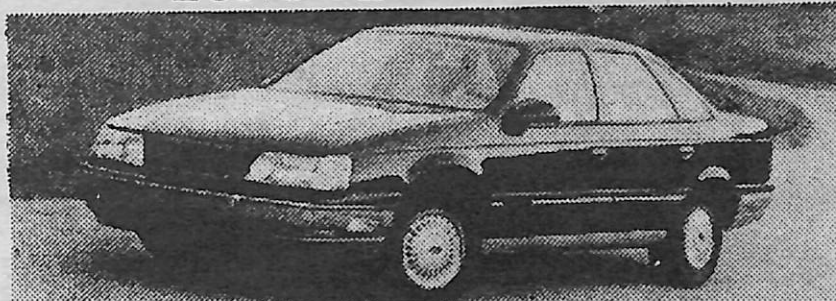


**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLERS in action vs. Ludlow High School, Saturday, December 20th, at the AHS gym. The Brownies were easy, 57-3 winners over the Lions. The Brownies will host a big Christmas Tournament, Saturday, December 27th.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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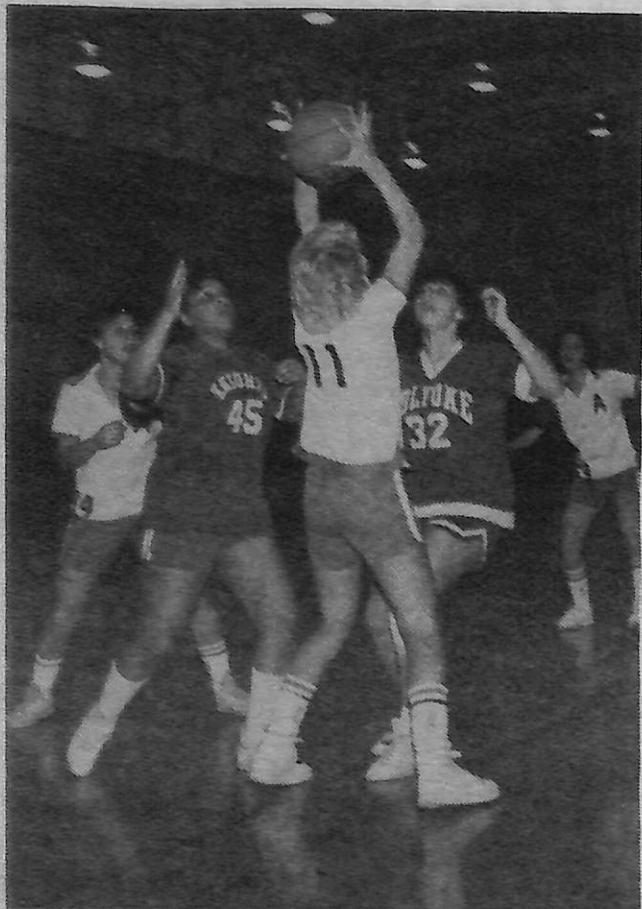
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AGAWAM HIGH FORWARD CAROLYN JOCYM grabs a rebound between two Holyoke defenders in the team's season-opening game vs. the Knights. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Second Half Surge By Falcons Sink Girls' Hoop, 52-38

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Minnechaug's Connie Devries (18 points) and Michele Mailhot (16) led the way as the Falcons of Wilbraham defeated the Agawam High Brownies, 52-38, Friday, December 19th, in schoolgirl basketball at the AHS gym.

For the locals it was their second loss in as many tries.

This game saw the Brownies, under first-year coach Lou Conte, hold a four-point edge at the intermission, only to have the edge completely evaporate in the third and fourth quarters. Minnechaug totally dominated the second half, especially on the backboards.

"They were much taller and we were not getting the big rebounds," noted Conte. "We just went cold in the second half and they're shooting improved as the game went on."

The Brownies were also feeling the effects of playing without four-year varsity player Kelli Trudel, who went down with a leg injury in the opening game against Holyoke. Without her, the team just isn't the same, especially off the glass.

"Kelli is our big rebounder and there's no doubt we'll miss her," admits Conte. "We'll just have to work that much harder and really concentrate on boxing-out in the paint."

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' varsity basketball team, back row, from left - Kelli Trudell, Anade Long, Becky Runshaw, coach Lou Conte, Tracy Trudell, and Sharon Bisbee. Front row - Cathy Scaggs, Karen Patterson, Tricia Landry, Lauri Desimone, and Carolyn Jocym. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Rosemary Sandlin Appointed To MASC Games Board

Rosemary Sandlin of the Agawam School Committee has been appointed to serve as a member of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' (MASC) Game Officials Committee, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's multi-organizational body which negotiates with game officials.

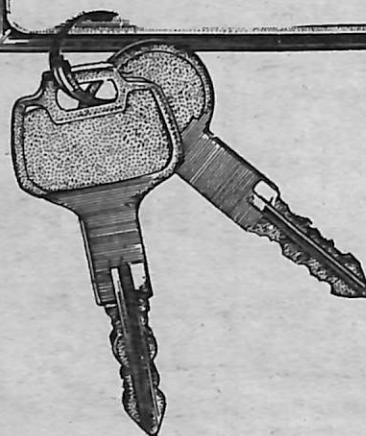
Ms. Sandlin is a six-year member of the Agawam School Committee, and has served as chair, vice chair, and secretary. She has served once before on the Game Officials Committee.

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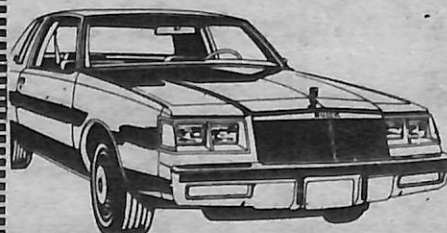
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# Agawam AA Suburban Hoop 5-0 In League

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Athletic Association-sponsored 7th/8th grade Suburban basketball team, featuring players at the middle and junior high schools, is off to its best start in the four-year history of the program.

Under head coach John Hyland, the team has won their first four games in rather impressive fashion. But Hyland is quick to point-out that winning is not the only consideration that he and assistant coach Jon Ferris constantly strive for.

"We're basically trying to teach the basics for next year's freshman players and future high school players," notes Hyland. "This program can help produce some fine talent. Right now, the kids are playing some super ball."

In the season opener, Wednesday, December 3rd, Agawam defeated a first-year Amherst squad, 54-39. The locals simply ran the floor much better than their opponents and played solid defense. Todd Hyland led the way with 20 points, while Chris Corgan popped 10 and Dave Kozel controlled the boards.

On the following day, December 4th, Agawam went up against a tough Holyoke squad, but pulled-out a 69-58 victory. Todd Hyland was high-man with 19 points, while Chris Corgan and Mike Pellegrino added 14 and 13 points, respectively. Mike Sibilia came-off the bench to add seven points and was a force off the backboards.

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In the Springfield Tip-Off Tournament December 6th, at West Springfield High School, Agawam had a fine showing at the tourney and finished in third place overall.

In the tournament opener, Agawam defeated Palmer, 49-38. After a slow start (the locals trailed, 17-13 at one point), they picked-up the pace in the second half and took the bull by the horns. Todd Hyland was the high-man with 22. Dave Kozel added 14 and Brett Boskiewicz added 8. Chris McGrath teamed with Boskiewicz to control the backboards.

Later that same day, Agawam played Monson and took a 53-40 victory. Leading the way were Matt McClean and Dave Kozel with 10 each, while Bryan Connery and Mike McElligott turned-in solid performances.

Next-up for Agawam in the tourney was Holy Cross of Springfield. Here, the locals dropped a 75-50 decision to a superior opponent. Agawam was within 37-26 at the half, but HC went on a 25-9 run in the third quarter to blow it open. Dave Kozel led the way with 15 points for the locals, and Bryan Connery chipped in 7.

Benji Ferris had a strong effort off the bench for Agawam. HC went on to win the tourney - Agawam finished third.

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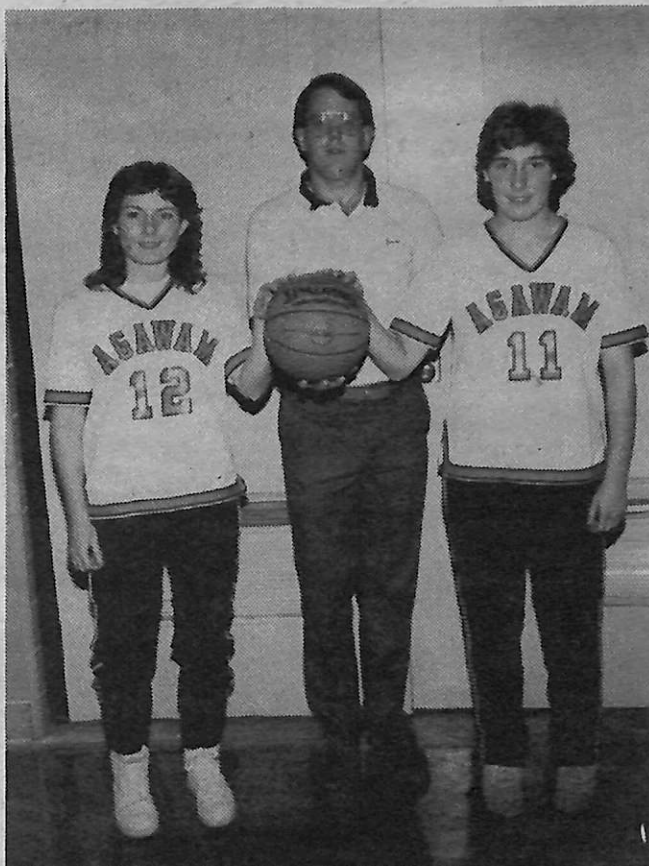
Agawam got back to league play December 8th, and they defeated Easthampton, 64-33. Todd Hyland had 14 points, and Kozel (13), Pellegrino (10), and Mike Sibilia (8) also chipped in with points. Also playing good games were Dan LaBreck, Darin Conlin, Steve Tozier, and Chris McElliot.

Agawam raised their record to 4-0 December 10th as they destroyed a weak Chicopee Moose team, 80-25. The entire squad looked sharp and each player had a hand in the rout.

On December 17th, the locals went to 5-0 in the league as they dropped a pretty good West Springfield club, 58-45. Brett Boskiewicz led the way with 18, while Dave Kozel and Chris Corgan added 13 and 11 points, respectively. Todd Hyland passed for 10 assists, and Matt McClean and Chris McGrath gave good efforts.

Agawam has some considerable time-off before returning to the hardwood vs. Northampton, January 3rd (at home, junior high school). This game will be followed by Southampton (January 5th (away)), and South Hadley January 7th (away).

The locals compete in the Western Division of the Suburban Basketball League. The top two teams in each division (also an Eastern Division) square-off in a championship playoff.



**NEW GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL coach Lou Conte with his two captains, Tricia Landry and Carolyn Jocym. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## GIRLS' HOOP - From Page 45...

Agawam had pulled-out a 25-18 lead just before the half, but it was cut to 25-21 as Minnechaug converted a three-point play at the buzzer. That play was just a sign of things to come.

Minnechaug opened the second half on fire, firing-in six of their first seven shots. They never looked back. Meanwhile, Conte's troops went ice cold from the floor, and it was lights out.

The Brownies shot a miserable 23 percent, and that statistic really took its toll on the scoreboard. All-purpose guard Trish Landry led Brownie scoring with 12, while Kathy Scaggs and Lori Desimone added 7 and 6, respectively. Carolyn Jochim came off the bench and had a good floor-game for the locals.

For now, the team is still in the learning process, said Conte. "We must remain patient and continue to work hard."

At presstime, the Brownies were scheduled to face Northampton, Monday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. (away); and then it's a week off before hitting the hardwood against Holyoke, Monday, December 29th. The Purple Knights defeated the locals in an overtime, season-opening thriller at the AHS gym.

## G-Town Back On Top In Tri-Parish Bowling League

In the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, held at the Agawam Bowl, defending Grand Champion Georgetown is back in the limelight (first place) after a four-game sweep of floundering St. Mary (9th place-7 wins).

G-Town seems to be back with a vengeance after finishing in the cellar after Round One. The two key winners for G-Town in this one were SANDY PRZESZLO (283) and KATHY PRZESZLO (333). Both rollers left their St. Mary's counterparts in the dust, by a combined 105 pins. There was no way St. Mary's could recover from that beating.

In the battle of the captains, FRED MORASSI (341) ousted G-Town chief "AL" "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (333). However, Al was finally smiling after this match. "I really think we're back," Al bellowed afterwards. The only St. Mary winner was PAULINE DEPALO (308).

Also moving up in the standings is last year's runners-up, Boston College (2nd place-11 wins). BC clobbered faltering Fordham (8th place-7 wins), four wins to none. BC winners were PAUL LAGODITZ (287), AUDREY PHILLIPS (309), and Class AAA leader JOHN O'CONNELL (354). John was not very kind to his disappointed mother, Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL (258). When facing his mom, John certainly took no prisoners.

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Notre Dame, a real league doormat, suddenly has jumped into third place (10 wins) at the expense of staggered Villanova (6th place-8½ wins). Villanova had appeared to be on the verge of seriously challenging for first place - now they're back on the ropes once again.

Leading ND's surprising four-game sweep of Villanova were ESTHER DEPALO (304), GEORGE LANE (320), and captain JOHN RESCIGNO (322). Three Villanova rollers did well - lead-off DEBBIE GEORGE tied PAT RESCIGNO (261-each); CHERYL PRZESZLO lost by two pins to Esther (302), and anchor RENEE JURY fired a 312 in losing to John Rescigno. And where was the Lordly Barber, you ask? No where to be found. That's right. Ole FRANK RESCIGNO showed-up in body only and could muster no better than a 284 - 36 pins below "Rooke of the Year" candidate George Lane. Frankie is certainly having his share of problems.

St. Louis (4th place-9 wins) laid the wood to disappointed Catholic University (5th place-9 wins), four wins to none. St. Lou badly needed this match as they were really taking their lumps lately; meanwhile, CU led the league last week.

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## Sportsman's Corner by Bill Chiba Outdoor Sports Writer

### Enforcing Hunting Laws

At a recent meeting of the Hampden County Council of Sportsmen held in the Agawam Sportsman's Club, Inc., Allan McCroary, director of Law Enforcement in Massachusetts, was the guest speaker.

Allan opened the eyes and ears of the sportsmen in attendance. In the past, Law Enforcement was operated on a shoestring budget, \$60,000; not much enforcement could be accomplished; not many officers in the service; and their vehicles spent more time in the garage than out on the road. The poachers had a field-day in the past. This is all over now. By combining the Division of Law Enforcement with the Recreation, Vehicle, and Boat Registration Department, the department now has 163 EPO's. The Inland and Marine Enforcement Departments are at full capacity with 123 officers in the field. The budget for 1986 is \$200,000; a far cry from \$60,000.

All officers work the entire nine days during the past (regular) deer season. A new radio system has been installed so that almost immediate contact can be made throughout the state. Fifty cars have been replaced with new vehicles, and there are 22 patrol cars and 14, four-wheel drives in operation. The department has purchased new ATV's so that officers can pursue ATV's that are in violation of the laws. All the old patrol boats have been replaced with new boats, and a Department to locate stolen boats has been put in operation. The Department has recovered a dozen boats in the first year of operation and have over 50 cases under investigation. There is 212,000 registered boats in Massachusetts, and over 75 percent of them are under 18 feet long.

New regulations concerning boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles will be put in effect April 1st, 1987. Safety classes on boating and gun safety regulation will be increased, and a new class on trapping will be initiated in 1987.

The DLE has created a new "Hazard Waste Unit." Its purpose will be to protect the environment and to protect the water supplies from hazardous waste pollution. It will consist of three EPO personnel.

It appears that the Department of Law Enforcement is finally at optimum capacity, and the poachers and law breakers on land and water better beware.

Everybody that writes (except this scribe), including Division Deer Project Leaders, predicted a new record for the total deer tally. The figures include the gun season (4,478); the bow season (6,000); and a projected 500 for the muzzleloader season.

The total of the gun season saw a 70 percent buck harvest (2,962), and a 1,342 female kill, which points to a 30 percent harvest. The biologists are ecstatic over the figures. This is what they wanted to retain when they instituted the two-buck limit. It means a very healthy herd and the food supply is plentiful.

The large racks on the young deer (3½ and 4½ year-old), sported six and eight points, which is an indicator of plentiful food and good growth. The largest rack reported was a 16-point buck taken on opening day by David Martin of Stockbridge. The largest buck was a 224-pound buck with eight points, taken in South Deerfield by James Crowley of South Deerfield.



Other large bucks registered were a 217-pound, 8-point; 215-pounds; a 212-pound, 8 point-buck; and two 202 pounders.

The deer are getting larger every year. The Division is still touting a 40,000 deer herd. A great many "doubters" are questioning them. However, every indicator points to an increased deer herd, and I must go along with the division as far as the increased herd is concerned; 40,000 sounds good.

Deer Project Leader Steve Williams has set a goal of 15 deer per square mile, and wants to level-off the herd at that figure. We have 5,000 square miles of deer range.

### BOWLING - From Page 46...

St. Lou winners were FRANK CERPOVICZ (291), JANICE MOCCIO (red-hot 320), STEVE KAJKA (even hotter, 340), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (372). Debbie really enjoyed her match because it came at the expense of her brother, CU captain JIM SNYDER (313). Jim could do no better than to watch as his sister whipped him from head to toe. And while all this was going on, Debbie's mom, Venetta Snyder, could do little to stop Debbie and the St. Lou juggernaut.

Round one champion Loyola (7th place-8 wins) is still hanging around in the middle of the pack. Their opponent, St. Michael, are the new cellar-dwellers of the league (last place-4 wins). Helping Loyola to a three-games-to-one victory were GAIL BLAIR (271) and STEP STEPANIAN (367-the major difference in this match). He defeated a dazed STEVE DEVANEY (265) by 102 pins. St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL had a good night with a 327 - he really slapped Loyola captain STEVE ROVITHIS, who was in never, never land with a 282. JEAN BUONICONTI (282) tied GARY GINGRAS (282) in the other match-up.

To say the least, O'Connell of St. Mike's is distraught.

St. Anselm (10th place-6 wins) took three wins from sinking Holy Cross (11th place-5½ wins) in the battle of the second division. St. A's was able to win this one because lead-off roller JOE CURRAN (288) had no opponent, giving St. A's a huge lead. HC did win three matches - STELLA BARBIERI (293), former Agawam High basketball bruiser RAY BARBIERI (318), and overall league scoring leader STU STORK (344). St. A's captain VI MASSOIA was overmatched against Storkie, but she still managed a fine 313 in the losing effort.

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All fees are payable in advance of the program to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and participation. All programs will be cancelled on any day school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on Radio Station WMAS-AM & FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation office at 786-0400 extension 456.

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### Nursery School To Open

The Perry Lane Nursery School will open on Monday, January 5th, 1987. This program is for all children who have turned three or four years of age by September 30th, 1986.

**Session:** January 5th to May 30th, 1987.  
**Time:** Three years-old - Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
Four years-old - Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Perry Lane Park

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**School Fee:** Three years-old - \$45 per month; four years-old - \$60 per month  
**Teachers:** Mary Ann Page, director; Lauri Solitario, aide.

**Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before a child may be able to participate.**

**YOUTH GYMNASTIC'S PROGRAM:** Classes are limited to 30 per class on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the school.

**Session:** January 10th to March 14th, 1987. (10 weeks)  
**Time:** Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. (beginners four and five years)

9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (beginners six and older)

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (intermediates and advanced)

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon (beginners four and older)

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Gym

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Program Fee:** \$10 per child (no refunds)

**Instructors:** Agawam Recreation Department Gymnastic's Staff

### YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM:

Classes are limited to 25 per class on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Enter the pool through the last door on the left side of the school.

**Session:** January 10th to March 14th, 1987. (10 weeks)  
**Time:** Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (seven years and older)

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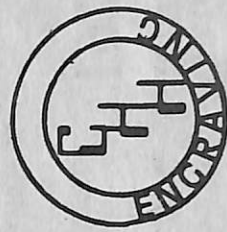
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**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office  
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**Instructors:** Agawam Recreation Department Swim Staff.

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**Session:** January 19th to March 9th, 1987. (8 weeks)

**Time:** Mondays, 6:00 to 7:20 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Gym

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds)

**Instructor:** David Skolnick

### WOMEN'S EXERCISE AND FREE SWIM PERIOD:

**Session:** January 5th to March 9th, 1987. (10 weeks)

**Time:** Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Gym "A"

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds)

**Instructor:** Willie Fortini

\*Third Session: March 16th to May 25th, 1987.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND FREE SWIM PERIOD:

**Session:** January 5th to March 9th, 1987. (10 weeks)

**Time:** Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds)

**Instructor:** Willie Fortini

\*Third Session: March 16th to May 25th, 1987.

### MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun, and competition.

**Session:** January 6th to March 31st, 1987. (13 weeks)

**Time:** Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Middle School (large gym)

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds)

**Supervisor:** Peter Parrotta

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**Session:** January 6th/8th to February 24th/26th, 1987.

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**Time:** Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Robinson Park School

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Program Fee:** \$35 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost will be \$20 per person.

**Instructor:** Debbie Tracy and staff

\*Third Session: March 3rd/5th to April 21st/23rd, 1987.

### HATHA YOGA PROGRAM.

This course is designed to totally relax the body and mind through special movements and exercises. It is open to both youth (over 12) and adults. Class is limited to 10.

**Session:** January 7th to February 25th, 1987. (8 weeks)

**Time:** Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Perry Lane Park (formerly Y.M.C.A.)

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds)

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Instructor:** Francis Carmel

### OPEN GYM:

**Session:** January 5th to April 27th, 1987

**Time:** Mondays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam High School Gym

**Registration:** Not required

**Fee:** \$2 per person (pay supervisor at the door)

### RECREATION SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. A lifeguard will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

**Session:** Sundays, January 4th to March 29th, 1987

**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Session:** Mondays, January 5th to March 30th, 1987

**Time:** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Pool

**Registration:** Not required

**Pool Fee:** \$1 per person (pay the lifeguard on duty)

### CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$25 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

**Session:** January to May, 1987.

**Time:** Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Gym and Pool

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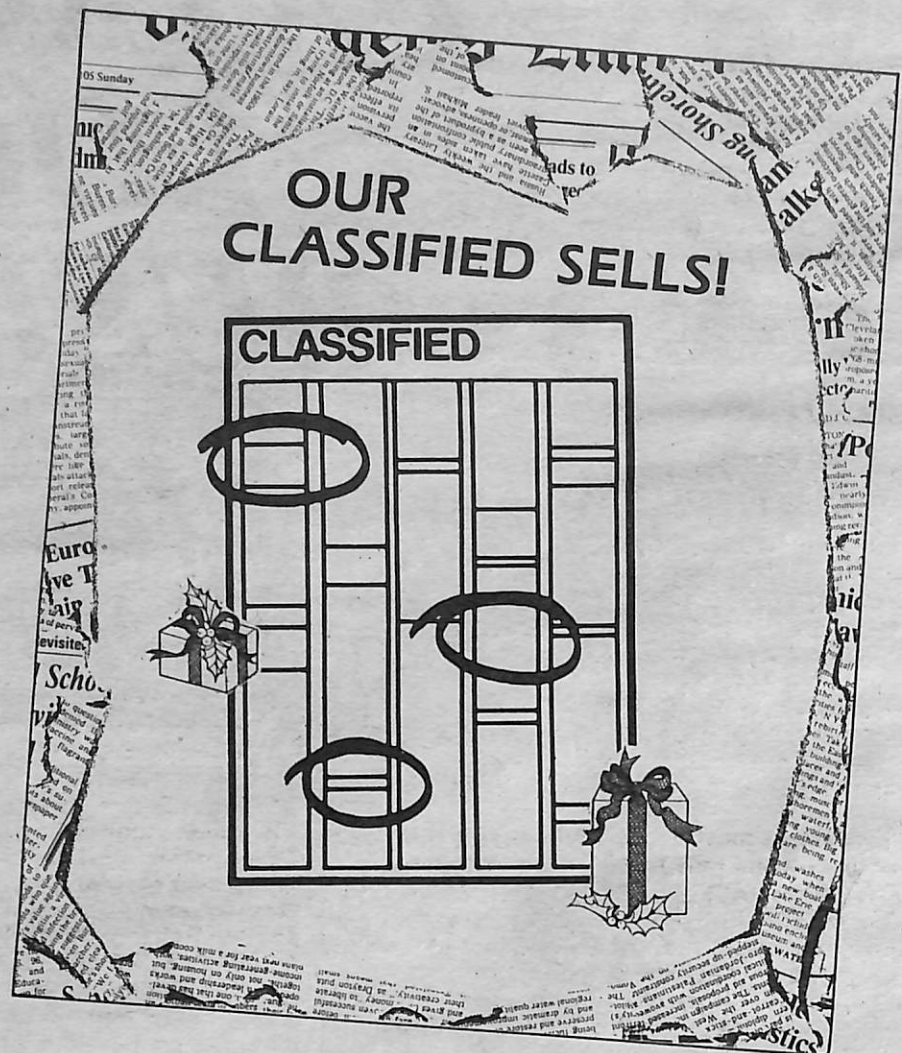
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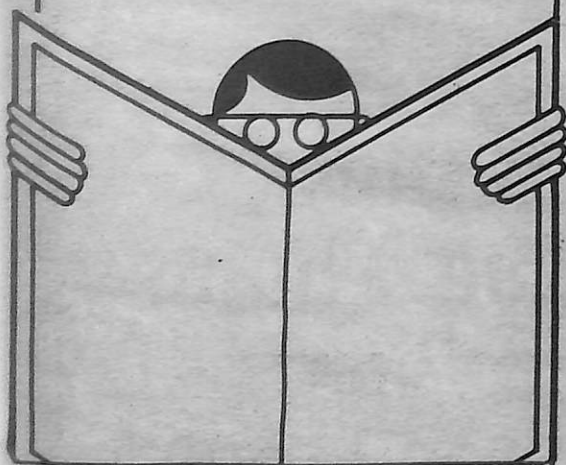
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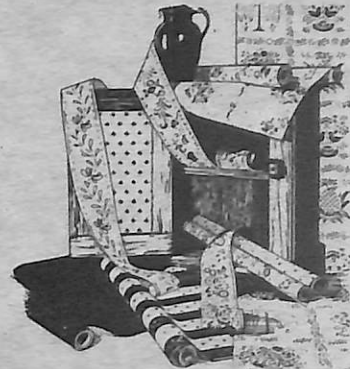
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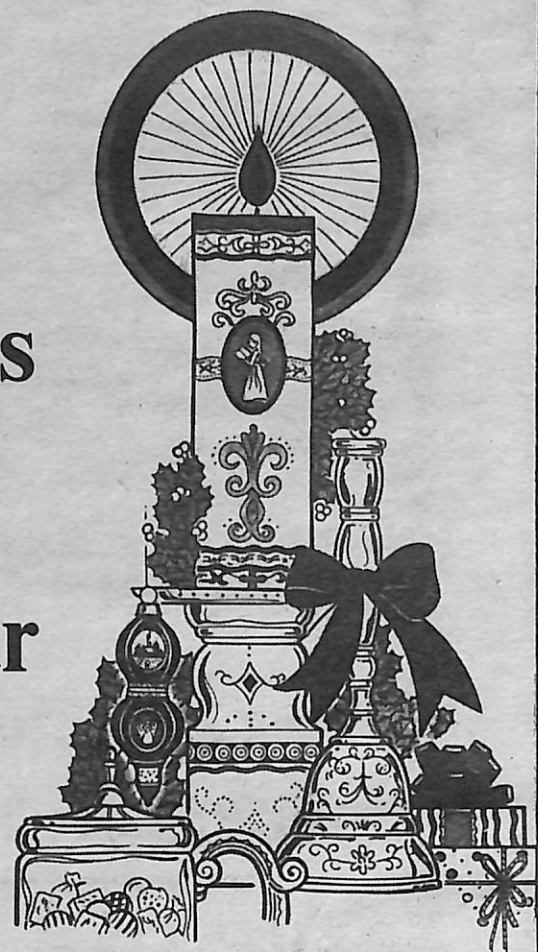
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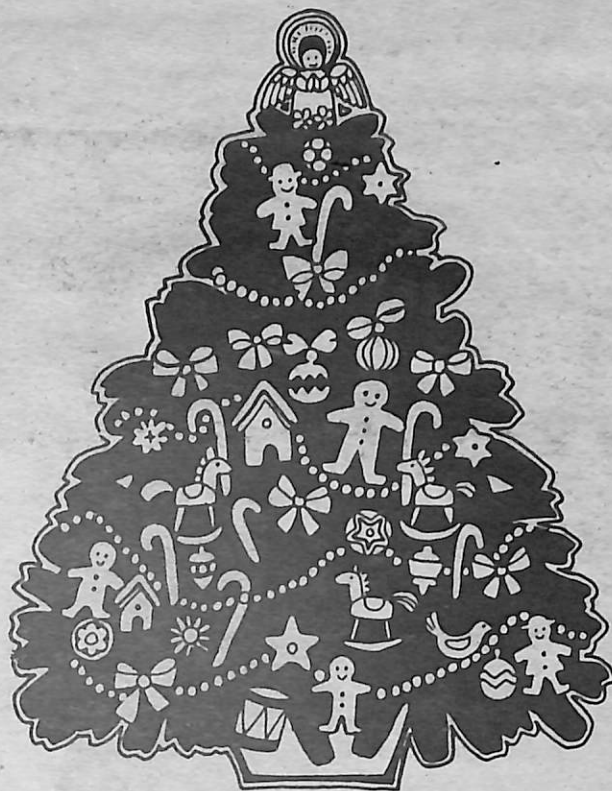
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